

For over 40 years, the capuchin monkeys at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers provided service, love, and companionship to over two hundred people with severe mobility limitations. Now, as these beloved monkeys return home to Boston from their heroic service, they need your assistance.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Helping Hands had begun a multi-year envisioning process as we considered our aging monkey population and additional new challenges. We realized that our senior monkeys would be returning to our facility in greater numbers. We knew that state-by-state legal restrictions had severely limited our ability to place monkeys. And we saw the new technologies for people living with disabilities were making our monkeys' service redundant. For these reasons, we made the difficult decision not to continue to train and place monkeys with new recipients and would instead look toward a future focus on the larger issue of the human-animal bond.

With that recognition, we renewed our commitment to creating the Monkey Living Center, ensuring a long-term safe space for our monkeys as they returned from their years of service and companionship.

With the upheaval caused by COVID-19, we determined that our timeline needed to be dramatically compressed. We were faced with an immediate and urgent need to rehabilitate our building, and we needed to start the renovations even before raising the funds!



**HELPING HANDS**  
MONKEY HELPERS

Transforming the quality of people's lives through the power of the human-animal bond.

*Help us help our Monkey Helpers!*

## **HELPING HANDS: MONKEY HELPERS**

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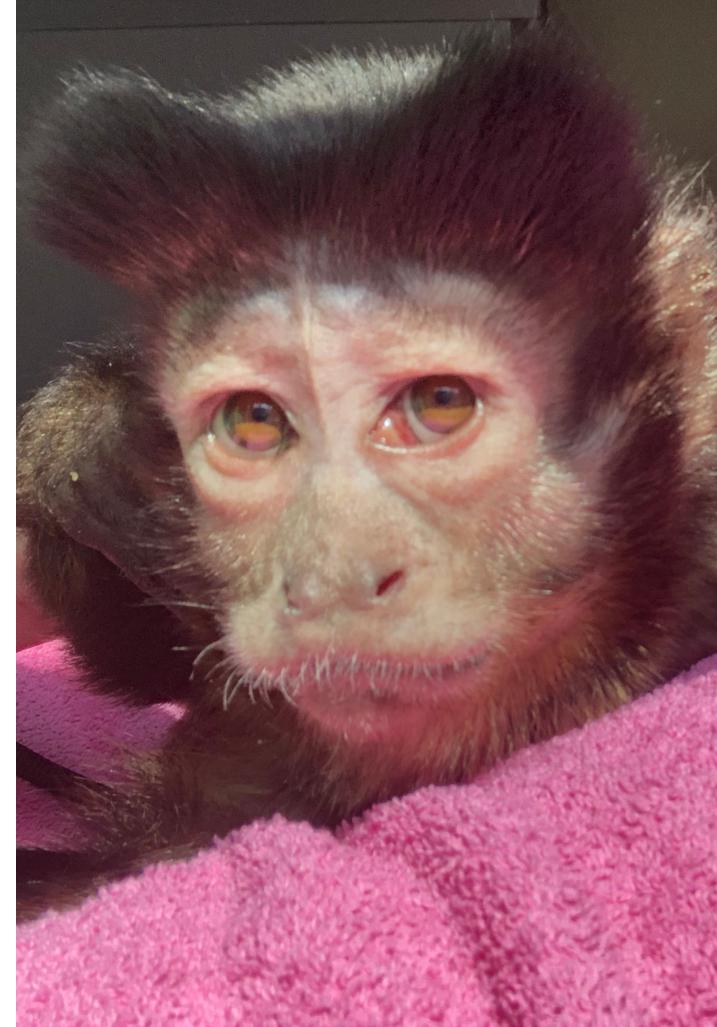
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Established in 1979, Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is a not-for-profit organization that was originally founded to raise and train capuchin monkeys to provide daily assistance to people living with spinal cord injury or other mobility impairments. The organization relies completely on private contributions.

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# WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Our existing monkey facility must provide a safe, secure, and healthy physical environment for elderly monkeys as they enter their post-service years.



We could not delay these renovations to a more convenient time. Our monkeys needed an improved living situation IMMEDIATELY. We needed to start the renovations even before raising the funds, so we need your help to raise the \$2 million dollars! Won't you help the helpers?



## MONKEY LIVING CENTER

Turning The Monkey College into the Monkey Living Center involved space and safety upgrades for both humans and monkeys alike.

With concerns over COVID still lingering, improvements in airflow and ventilation are at the top of the emergency list. **Immediate needs require replacing the HVAC system for the safety of staff and animals.**

- The 20-year old heating/cooling system is at end of life and replacement is particularly crucial for air quality improvements and energy efficiency. (Significant elements actually failed in 2020.)
- We will install a new ducted Energy Recovery System (ERV) to provide the recommended air-changes-per-hour for new monkey play enclosures.

The health and well-being of all our staff and monkeys is of critical importance, so we will also:

- Build new play structures re-creating a variety of habitats appropriate for capuchins.
- Replace outdated plumbing.
- Construct and improve human workspaces, ensuring a healthy environment for all.

**Building renovations began in February 2021 and are ongoing. All renovations meet new safety protocols and will be suited to senior monkeys living out their post-service years.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can make an immediate difference. Our service monkeys have given so much to so many around the country. Join us and give them the post-service living quarters they deserve!

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of our monkey helpers' future. Naming Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Building: \$1 million
- Monkey Living Center : \$100,000
- The "Neighborhood": \$75,000
- The "Park": \$50,000
- The Quarantine Suite: \$25,000
- Conference Room: \$10,000
- Play areas: \$3,000 each (total of 5)

### TIMELINE FOR URGENT CONSTRUCTION

*Summary*

#### February 2021

Demolition of ground and top floors completed

#### March 2021

Office space created on the bottom floor, monkey playspace created on the top floor.

#### April 2021

All interior construction complete

#### May 2022

New HVAC rooftop equipment including ERV and cooling system installed, completing the project.

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