



Greetings from the Executive Director

Happy Summer, 2022!

Summer is usually a time to slow down, relax, and recharge. Here at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers, however, we are busier than ever! I was honored to be asked to write a piece on the evolution of a nonprofit for the Massnonprofit News. And, for the first time in over 2 years, we were able to gather together with friends to discuss the transition and the future of our beloved organization.

They say that gratitude is good for your health. Please know that we continue to be grateful to all of you for your support as we continue to care for our post-service monkeys and transition to innovative technologies to assist adults with physical disabilities. Thank you for coming on this journey with us.

Please take us to the beach, read us as you relax at home, and share the eNews with your family and friends. After you read our stories, please reach out with any questions or comments. We always enjoy hearing from our old friends and making new pals.

Sincerely,

Diane S. Nahabedian
Executive Director



Naming a Play Space - Why John and Ingrid gave to the Hellion Emergency Fund



John and Ingrid started giving to Helping Hands 15 years ago when they read about our service monkeys and our unique cause. "It felt good to help people living with physical disabilities receive a monkey as a companion. We understand the importance of having that bond with an animal because our pets have helped us get through many difficult times."

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Helping Hands featured in Massnonprofit News:

From Monkeys to Robots: A Nonprofit Evolves

By Diane Nahabedian

After more than four decades of successfully delivering on our mission of providing trained monkeys to help adults with physical disabilities live independent lives, we recognized we needed to adjust the way we operate in response to regulatory, market, and technology changes.

It sounded strange in 1979: Train a monkey as a service animal for adults living with physical disabilities. Today at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers, a Boston-based nonprofit, we proudly say that hundreds of adults live more independent lives because of our capuchin monkeys.



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Birthday Round-up at the Monkey Living Center!

Jessica gets a month of her VERY OWN, being the ONLY monkey at the Monkey Living Center celebrating a birthday in June!

Please join us in wishing Jessica a very Happy 32nd Birthday!

Did you know you can make a gift in honor or in memory of someone all year long?

[Learn more](#)

Be sure to check out this video on Facebook of Jessica rocking out to her favorite song on her birthday last year!

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers - Past, Present, and Future.

We were so happy to gather together for the first time in over 2 years with a small group of friends to talk about the evolution of the organization that we all care so much about.

We want to say a huge thank you to our hosts, Susan and Brad Keyes, for opening up their home and their garden to friends and family.

We would love to talk to you about the evolution of Helping Hands! Please **contact us** if you want to have a chat.

Photos courtesy of Harkins Photography



Our hosts, Susan and Brad Keyes



Deb and Jim Kutok



Beth Butler and Jim Grumbach



A lovely night in the garden



Helen Gillcrist, Wiley McCarthy, Lynn Trimby, and Bob Sanders



Sharmee Altshuler, Brad Keyes, and Diane Nahabedian

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