



Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The glow of autumn takes on special meaning for New Englanders. While many enjoy the long summer days, I think that the cooler temperatures and beautiful foliage is simply magnificent. I always appreciate the fact that I get to live in such a beautiful region of the country. As autumn begins at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers, we are excited to share some new "cool" endeavors.



If you have not had an opportunity to [visit our website](#) recently, don't wait another minute. It is brand new! Thanks in part to a grant from [Rockland Trust – Blue Hills Charitable Foundation](#) and working with [Great Island Design](#) in Salem, MA, we have completely redone our site. All of us, board, staff, and our adorable capuchins are so pleased to be able to tell you our story - past and present - and give you a glimpse into what our organization's future holds. Of course, no new website would be complete without the opportunity to [see your favorite monkeys](#), meet our wonderful [board and staff](#) and yes, have every opportunity to continue to [support our work](#).

We are also very fortunate this September to once again have a committed donor with a challenge - raise \$15,000 and they will match that amount. Last year, thanks to all of you, we far exceeded the goal. The purpose of the Challenge is to take care of the needs of our aging monkeys like Siggy (who you will get to know over the next month). In 2020 you helped us exceed our goal - in total we raised \$57,000! It is my hope that with your assistance we will exceed 2020's final total so that all our monkeys will continue to remain healthy and active.

Finally, let's play BINGO! How you ask – well online of course! All of us at Helping Hands have been pondering the best way to host events and decided to still keep things online. There will be prizes, lots of fun facts you may not know about Helping Hands, and a chance to meet a monkey and some folks from Helping Hands. Stay tuned for all the information and remember to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Tickets and details will soon be available on our [new website](#), and everyone is invited to join in the fun!

Sincerely,

Diane S. Nahabedian  
Executive Director

P.S. Did you know that many companies offer matching gift programs? You can now easily search to see if YOURS is one of them! Go to any of our [donation pages](#) and use the Double the Donation tool to see if your company might match your gift for an even GREATER impact!

Save the Date!  
October 23, 2021



Do you miss events? So do we! So while it may not be safe to get together in person, we've decided to host an online event!

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 4:00 pm Boston time for a virtual night of games, prizes and fun. Monkey Helpers will be hosting a BINGO game and we want you to be there! Details will be coming soon, but for now, keep that date marked!

Stop and Shop  
Community Bag Program



We are so honored that Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers was selected to be a part of the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program in September! When you purchase a \$2.50 reusable GIVE BACK Community Bag at the Stop & Shop located at [155 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA](#), \$1 is donated to Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers!

Not nearby? You can visit your local Stop and Shop, purchase your bag, and use the giving tag to designate your donation to Helping Hands!

Siggy's Story this September

A confident, 6 pound black and white capuchin who beat breast cancer, Siggy has been a friend & companion, a helper, and an educator.



Every week in September, we will be releasing a new Chapter of [Siggy's Story](#), detailing the aspects of her life as a beloved Helping Hands Monkey Helper. We hope you follow along on Social Media as we tell her story and you can see how much we care for each and every monkey in our program.

**We need your help!** If, through Siggy's Story, we can raise \$15,000 September 1 through September 30, a generous donor will MATCH that dollar for dollar. Your generosity makes TWICE the IMPACT this month - help us reach our goal.

**Read her story. Make a gift. Double your impact.**

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