



Greetings from the Executive Director

Want to do good, have fun, enjoy some delicious food and celebrate the past, present and future of Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers all at the same time? Well, you can on March 25th at our gala event *From Monkeys to Robots* at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation at 154 Moody Street in Waltham, MA. It will be more than a night to enjoy food, desserts, spirits and wines. It will also be an evening to celebrate our past, present and future. It will be a night you don't want to miss. So, visit our [website to buy tickets and/or become a sponsor](#) of this event.



January is also a time to look ahead into the year. It isn't quite like having a crystal ball to completely predict the future, but it is an opportunity to view the 12 months ahead and plan. For Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers it means more of our dynamic transition, more news on upcoming projects in both the assistive robotics arena and mixed reality world while also ensuring our beloved monkeys are well cared for.

2023 is the year our present and our future begin to merge and our projects take on more significance. First, though we are excited to celebrate our past, present, and future on March 25th at our *From Monkeys to Robots* gala event. All of us truly hope you will join us.

Sincerely,



Diane S. Nahabedian
Executive Director

Looking for a way to get more involved? Sponsoring the event on March 25 is the perfect way to show your community that you care about helping people living with physical disabilities. Check out the benefits of being a Sponsor!

Sponsorship Benefits

Save the Date
Saturday, March 25, 2023

We need YOUR help:
Volunteer for the event!



Save the Date to celebrate our evolution from monkeys to robots!

Join us and taste a variety of delectable spirits and wines, indulge in delicious hors d'oeuvres and fanciful desserts, while listening to music to get you in the mood to celebrate the innovative assistive technologies Helping Hands will be using to support those living with physical disabilities.

A night to honor our post-service monkeys and welcome in our new Innovative Technology Initiative.

We are SO excited to be hosting our first in-person event since 2019 and can't wait to see everyone! But, we need YOUR help to make sure everything runs smoothly. Have you missed volunteering? Here's your chance to get back in the swing of things and help out for a good cause! If you would like to volunteer for our March 25th event, please **contact us** and we will put you on the list. Thank you for all that you do for Helping Hands, and we can't wait to see you!

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Welcome our New Board Members!

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is pleased to announce that we have added **Jill Rocca** and **Keith Tomlinson** to the Board of Directors.

JILL ROCCA

Jill is an occupational therapist and her professional background includes physical rehab and community-based practice, robotics, and animal-assisted therapy. She currently works part-time at Tufts University coordinating occupational therapy admissions and recruitment outreach.

As a former employee, Jill is very familiar with Helping Hands and is very excited about the future direction of the organization.

[MEET JILL](#)

KEITH TOMLINSON

Keith is a Senior Director of Engineering and Architecture at Akamai Technologies, where he leads the vision, definition, and execution of Akamai's innovation by creating the future state technology vision and overseeing the development of relevant multi-year strategies and roadmaps for the company.

Through his work on the board, Keith looks forward to applying his passion for charting game-changing futures through innovation to making a difference for the communities served by Helping Hands.

[MEET KEITH](#)

January Birthdays at the Monkey Living Center!

Join us in wishing Jerri, Buttons, and Vicki a VERY Happy Birthday!

If you want to send them a birthday gift, check out our Amazon Wish List for ideas of our most needed items!

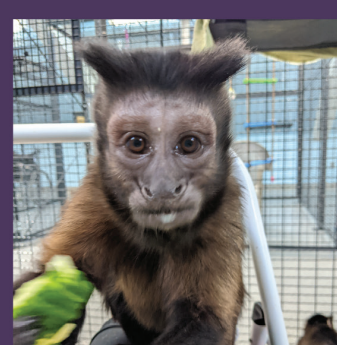
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