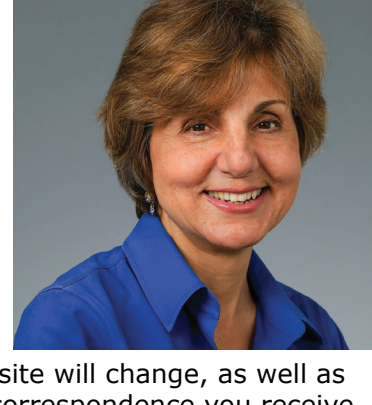


Greetings from the Executive Director

On Saturday, March 25 at our event, From Monkeys to Robots, we celebrated our legacy, our beloved capuchin monkeys, and our future the development of our Innovative Technology Initiative. As you are aware, we are at the natural end of the monkey helper's era and announced that we are rebranding and renaming the organization to better reflect our work; providing access as was envisioned forty-four years ago when we began. Therefore, beginning with this newsletter you will begin to see us transform from Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers to our new name ENVISIONING ACCESS, INC.



Throughout the spring and into the summer our website will change, as well as social media, newsletters, printed material and any correspondence you receive from us.

As I have been saying in this newsletter for many months now, our new vision is to provide innovative solutions through technology to give adults the opportunity to use specific types of robotics, as well as virtual and augmented realities in a way that allows for independence to go back to school, to find meaningful employment, access avenues for socialization, connect to medical care or provide respite for a primary care giver if needed.

Our life-changing goals remain the same. We are excited to be pivoting towards a path that will allow us to develop two programs at the outset. First, we are developing pilot projects so our recipients, those living with physical disabilities, can give developers of leading-edge technologies information on what works for them. And second, we will then work to not just assist in developing those technologies but ultimately work so we can provide the technology to those who need it.

As for our beloved monkeys who, over the last 40+ years, have cared for so many people - their health, happiness, and well-being continue to be a priority and we will care for them for the entirety of their natural lives.

Please continue to follow us on social media and watch for the changes on our website as we go through this dynamic transformation from Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers to Envisioning Access.



ENVISIONING ACCESS Innovative Solutions for People Living With Physical Disabilities

Why Envisioning Access? A conversation with Robert Sanders, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors.

Bob Sanders was both inspired by the mission of Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers and wanted to inspire his then teenage children to also engage in charitable endeavors when he first found Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers, and joined the board of directors over 13 years ago. "I was inspired by the mission first. At the time there was a board member retiring, and the organization also needed someone with my professional background," says Sanders. Sanders was originally on the finance committee, and then became chair of the board. He now shares that position with Susan Keyes in a unique co-chair model. He also is a generous donor.



Sanders is a great champion of the mission of the organization. "Meeting the recipients has had a profound impact on me, and is the reason I am so committed to Envisioning Access. When I see the difference we have made in the lives of our recipients I know how important our organization has been to so many people living with physical disabilities. Now, I am excited that we are embarking on this new journey and developing the Innovative Technology Initiative. With technology, we can help people in a way that is customized to their unique needs, so that they are more independent and socially connected. We are starting with interesting and valuable projects in robotics and virtual reality and will continue to expand our vision. Whether it will be with exoskeleton suits to help people stand or assistive robotics...we will continue to empower people and help them live in their homes independently or work at home or go back to school. I am proud to support this work that will make such a big difference in the lives of people living with physical disabilities."

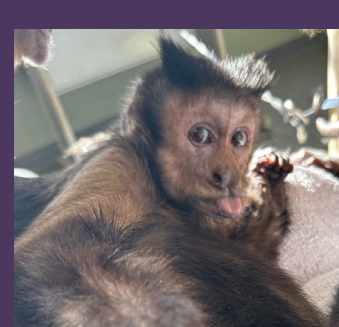
Birthday Round-up at the Monkey Living Center!

Join us in wishing Tucker and Marty a very Happy Birthday this month! Our monkeys celebrating their birthday in March just love opening packages!

Did you know you can send them some of our most needed items from our Wish List?



Tucker



Marty

From Monkeys to Robots: an Incredible Evening!

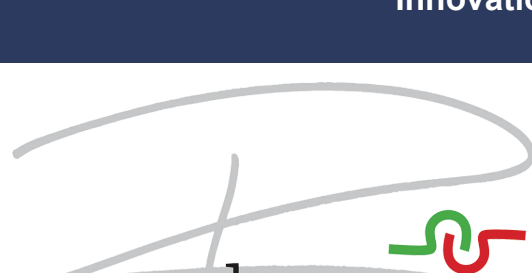
March 25 was an AMAZING night! The weather was a little less than perfect, but that didn't stop over 150 guests joining us at the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation in Waltham! The night was filled with laughter as people swapped stories about our past events and our monkeys, experienced Virtual Reality for the first time, met a human service robot, and ate/drank the delicious fare provided by our generous sponsors and friends. It was a night not soon to be forgotten.

Thank you for joining us and for your support. We couldn't do this without you! If you are interested in seeing all the photos from the night, please visit Harkins Photography.



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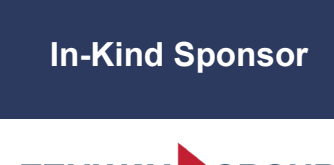
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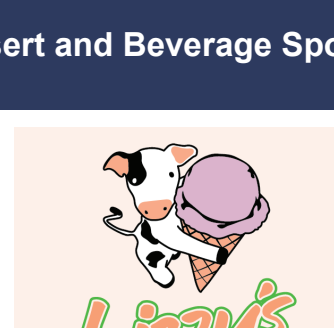
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