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### Monkey Business

Make a Gift



### Greetings from the Executive Director

April is such a glorious month. Flowers begin to bloom and everyday there is something to celebrate including special things like national peanut butter and jelly day or wear your pajamas to work day! How much better can it get! The other exciting news in April of course is our new name, Envisioning Access, and how it reflects the work in which we are now engaging.



Often times when an organization changes its name supporters like you begin to wonder if known programs, publications, or other entities within the organization will change names or purposes. Some things will change and others will not, so please take a look below, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at: [dianen@monkeyhelpers.org](mailto:dianen@monkeyhelpers.org)

Our level of commitment to all the monkeys in our program will not change. We will continue to provide the best care possible and make sure that they live out their lives in comfort. (Be sure to take a look at our series on Social Media about Mango and his 40th birthday!)

The name of this newsletter, Monkey Business, will not change.

The name of our planned giving program the **Simian Society** will not change, but the purpose will alter once there are no longer capuchins in our care. We hope that as you make decisions regarding your estate you will include us in your planning.

When we launch our updated website next month, we will have made modifications in our monthly giving opportunities:

- **Adopt a Monkey**—the process to symbolically adopt a monkey will remain the same. Nothing in this program will change.
- **Capuchin Caretaker\***—this program will be folded into our Adopt a Monkey program. All Capuchin Caretakers will be receiving a letter asking if they would like to remain in the Adopt a Monkey program or become part of our new monthly giving program Accessibility Angels.
- **Accessibility Angels**—a new monthly giving program launching next month that supports all the work of Envisioning Access including the development of our Innovative Technology Initiative, our recipients who are informing scientists and developers on the best technology that will help those living with physical disabilities, and our monkeys.

*\*If you are currently a Capuchin Caretaker, please look for a letter from us in the next month outlining how to become an Accessibility Angel.*

Whether you give to the **Adopt a Monkey** program or become an Accessibility Angel in the future, we appreciate your support.

Most essential, please think about how unique Envisioning Access is with one mission that has two vital objectives—caring for monkeys and providing innovative solutions for those living with physical disabilities. I hope you will remember that and support our work.

### Foundation Robmar Commits to Envisioning Access



Marie-Christine Jaeger-Firmenich, chairwoman of Foundation Robmar of Switzerland and supporter of Helping Hands/Envisioning Access put it best on Saturday, March 25 at From Monkeys to Robots when she said to the gathered crowd of over 135 people celebrating, "The main goal of my

foundation is to help disabled or sick people using trained animals and that will absolutely continue. But in the case of Helping Hands, we are so excited to witness the transition from service monkeys to innovative technologies that my foundation will extend the method to robotics and virtual reality. This technology will enable Helping Hands to honour their founding mission of providing quality of life services to those who are living with disabilities and Robmar will honour its mission of providing help to sick and disabled people. We are delighted to celebrate, tonight, the beginning of this transition and we are so happy to assure our continued support to Helping Hands in this new chapter of their life. We are living in an age where robots and other advanced technology can provide opportunities for independence which will allow an individual to work, to attend school, to live their life on their own terms. I hope YOU will all join me and Robmar in continuing your support to the Helping Hands of the 21st century. A modern organisation that follows its goal by adapting its method to achieve it. Such an exciting evolution. Let us all be part of this new chapter. Let us celebrate."

All of us at Envisioning Access are grateful for the friendship with and support of Foundation Robmar since 2007. We are grateful that they will continue to be by our side as we move from monkeys to robots.

### Birthday Round-up at the Monkey Living Center!

April is a time to celebrate BIRTHDAYS! Join us in wishing Rebecca, Deeann, Rubin, Tommy, Betsy, Heidi, and ESPECIALLY 40 year old Mango a very Happy Birthday!

Whether you want to honor a person or pet for their birthday, a holiday, or some other occasion...your "In Honor of" gift to our organization will show them how much you care for them.

You can even make a gift in honor of your favorite monkey! (\$40 for 40 years, for example!)



Rebecca



Deeann



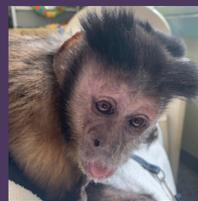
Rubin



Tommy



Betsy



Heidi

### Happy 40th Birthday, Mango!

Mango-man, the oldest monkey at the Monkey Living Center turns 40 years old TOMORROW! All week long we have been celebrating the monkey, the myth, the legend—one of the biggest personalities in Boston! An easygoing, happy-go-lucky monkey, Mango loves to laugh, cuddle in the sun, climb, swing, and have his chest groomed by his friends.

Check out his story on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#)!



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Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers

