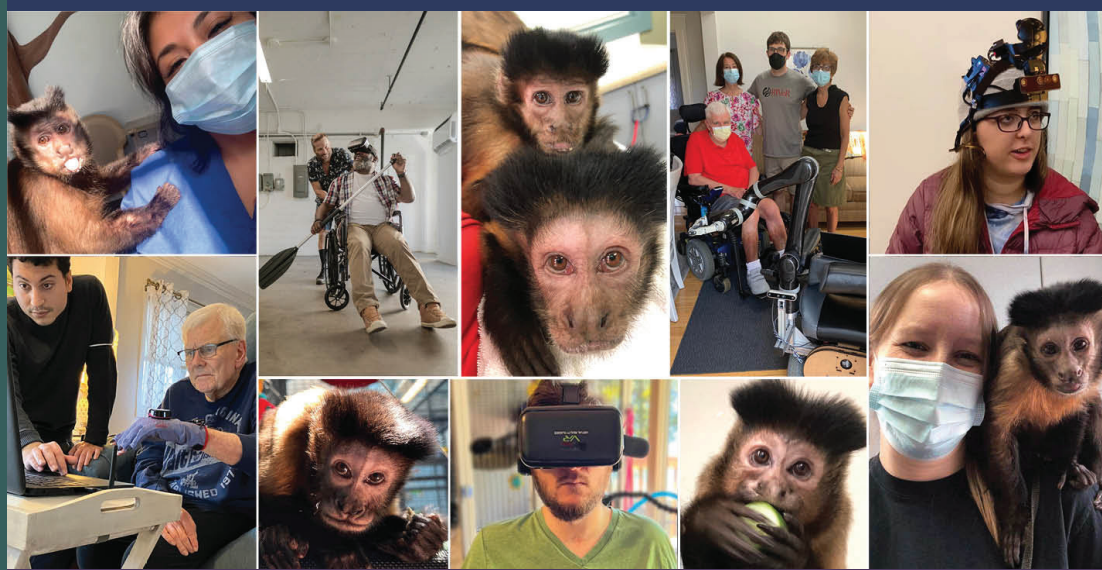




Make a Gift

Monkey Business

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Greetings from the Executive Director

It is almost impossible to imagine that we are coming to the end of 2023. So much has happened this year. Everything that we accomplished at Envisioning Access is thanks to all of you. Without your support we would never have undergone the dynamic transition from Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers to Envisioning Access. November is truly a month to give thanks, and all of us board, staff and capuchins can never thank all of you enough for your thoughtfulness and kindness in supporting the work we do.



For the remainder of 2023 we are devoting all our time to our dual purposes of supporting our Innovative Technology Initiative and caring for our capuchins. You will learn about a new recipient Dani who is visually and mobility impaired due to a car accident in 2015. She is working with one of our new strategic partners Waipoint, a tech start-up that is developing a product called VISORS that uses AI object recognition. The technology is revolutionary and will help Dani get back to work. We hope you will follow her story on social media or read her story if you receive our letter, and support the vital work taking place. You may already have met George, another new recipient, who is using a wearable called Cognimate to help restore motor skills in hands and arms for those living with the effects of stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and other neurological diseases. Again, revolutionary in the way the therapy is being administered.

Our legacy, as we so often discuss, is our monkeys. We learned so much from them in our first 40+ years. There is no better way to thank them than by celebrating Monkey Week, December 10-16 and especially throwing an all-out party on INTERNATIONAL MONKEY DAY, December 14 which is sponsored by our wonderful friends at RetroFit Technologies. You won't want to miss Monkey Week with trivia, prizes, give aways along with great videos and stories of our adorable capuchins.

Many nonprofits make a major push for support on Giving Tuesday, this year celebrated on November 28. We always appreciate those of you who donate on Giving Tuesday—it means a great deal to us.

Again, a special thank you to all of you for your support.

Technology Corner: The musicians with disabilities embracing virtual reality

"I used to play instruments all the time and then I thought that was over for me, but actually it was only beginning."

Christine Williamson is speaking about life before she had a brain aneurism.

It caused her to lose some function on the left side of her body.

The Dundonald woman feared she would never play a musical instrument again, but that all changed when she joined a unique group.



The research, based in Northern Ireland, uses Virtual Reality (VR) to allow musicians with disabilities to play specially-designed virtual instruments.

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Monkey Week is coming!

Save the Date for Monkey Week! Join us December 10-16 on social media as we celebrate Monkey Week!

Since 2000 Monkey Day has been celebrated on December 14. Originally created by contemporary artists Casey Sorrow and Eric Millikin, when the two were students at Michigan State University, the day is often celebrated to raise awareness about different species of primates and the issues in their conservation.

But we didn't think one day was enough! So, we have taken the one day and turned it into a week of celebrating the vast accomplishments of our capuchins and the services they provided.



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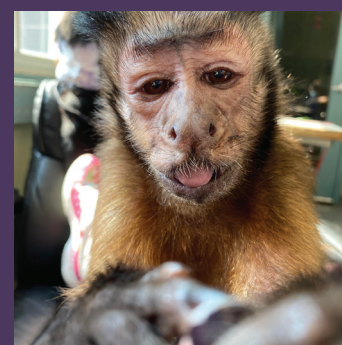
Birthday Round-up at the Monkey Living Center!

Happy Birthday to all our monkeys born in November! Pawa, Samantha, Nicky, Lindsay, and Goldie!

Don't forget—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. And if you give us their address, we will send them a card!



Pawa



Samantha



Nicky



Lindsay



Goldie



Have you ordered your calendar yet? Made possible by Foundation Robmar, the 2024 calendar celebrates our helper monkeys who have cared for so many over the years! We hope that each month's adorable photo brings a smile to your face.

Now available for purchase, the Envisioning Access calendar makes a wonderful holiday gift! Don't wait—order yours today!

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