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## **Bob Barker Donates to Mindy's Memory; Local Primate Sanctuary to give new homes to five California monkeys**

**NEWCASTLE, OK** — Legendary television host and animal advocate Bob Barker has made a significant monetary donation to Mindy's Memory Primate Sanctuary of Newcastle.

This generous gift has given Mindy's Memory the opportunity to take in five rhesus monkeys who are being retired from a California lab. The five monkeys will soon travel to Oklahoma after socialization by the facility's animal care staff.

"We are incredibly grateful to Bob Barker for this remarkable gift, which will have a major impact on our organization and the primates we care for," said Bob Ingersoll, B.S., M.S., President of Mindy's Memory Board of Directors and better known for his work with the Chimpanzee Nim Chimpsky as seen in the award winning documentary Project Nim. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to give a home to these five monkeys from California," said Linda Barcklay, Founder of Mindy's Memory. "Mr. Barker is one of the great champions for animals and their rights."

"We are elated to have been involved in placing these lab monkeys at Mindy's Memory," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "Our work is not only about raising public awareness about animal rights; we also want to insure that retired research animals have an opportunity for a new beginning. The animals always win when everyone works together."

Barker is the former host of "The Price is Right" and prominent animal rights advocate. In addition to elevating awareness of major animal rights and animal welfare issues, his generosity has benefited a number of animal welfare organizations and established academic programs.

Mindy's Memory provides a lifelong home for retired research monkeys and ex-pets in a safe and healthy environment, currently caring for almost a hundred monkeys, as well as several potbellied pigs, a few dogs, cats, and other formerly homeless animals.

The placement of the five monkeys at Mindy's Memory was a joint effort involving lab staff, Mindy's Memory, and the animal advocacy organization Stop Animal Exploitation NOW (SAEN).