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Dear Friend of Wild Care

As I write this, I can hear a dozen orphaned Chimney Swifts chattering away while they impatiently await their next meal, hand-fed to them by our caring staff and interns. The swifts, like dozens of other baby birds in our Clinic and Baby Bird Room, are fed every 20 minutes throughout the day by an army of caring volunteers, staff and interns.

On our exam table, a Northern Gannet is given life-sustaining hydration fluids; and a new arrival, a cold, wet mouse removed from a glue trap, is placed in a small container on a heating pad so it can dry off and recover. Everywhere you look, animals are receiving individual and specialized care. From the largest bird like a gannet, to the smallest mouse, we provide care because *every animal matters*. Every individual plays an important role in the ecology of Cape Cod, and we believe it is our responsibility to help wildlife in need.



*Virginia Opossum orphans.  
Photo by Cristalyn Searles*

### **We put the “care” in Wild Care!**

We are experiencing the largest volume of animals in Wild Care's history due to our increased visibility in the past year. Over 1,100 animals have come through our door since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. By comparison, in 2016 we received 1,373 animals for the entire year. We are grateful that the caring public relies on us to help wildlife, grateful to provide these critical services, and to provide a place for animals to recuperate.



*Ruby-throated Hummingbirds  
Photo by Elizabeth Brooke*

At Wild Care, we will provide care *regardless* of the donation. We would never compromise care, or turn animals away at the door. But the reality is, animals need food, medicine, housing, and intensive care, and this comes at a tremendous cost. Wildlife does not come to our door with health insurance, and we do not receive state, federal or municipal funding. We rely on *your* support to keep our doors open.

***That's why we need your help. Right now!***



### *There are many ways you can help...*

- **Make a one-time donation** - Help us through the remainder of our busy season.
- **Become a Monthly Sustainer** - Support our wildlife patients into the future! Sign up at <http://www.wildcarecapecod.org/donate-today/>.
- **Consider Legacy Giving** - Make Wild Care a beneficiary of your estate. Contact Executive Director Stephanie Ellis, [sellis@wildcarecapecod.org](mailto:sellis@wildcarecapecod.org).
- **Sponsor a Wild Care event** - We're always looking for sponsors or donations.

If you are already a Monthly Sustainer - we are grateful for your support! We deeply appreciate your willingness to support the work and mission of Wild Care.

**Thank you for donating now, and helping us to keep the "Care" in Wild Care!**

Stephanie Ellis  
Wild Care, Inc.

#### **"Dine-out at Arnold's"**

Arnold's Lobster and Clam Bar in Eastham will host a "DINE OUT FOR WILD CARE" on September 8th. Stop in and order food, ice cream or play mini-golf between the hours of 11:30 AM and 8 PM to help WILD CARE out!

#### **"Autumn Harvest Dine-Out"**

Join us at Van Rensselaer's in South Wellfleet on October 19th from 4 PM to 8:30 PM for a "Harvest Dine-Out!" Order anything off the menu and a portion of the proceeds are donated to WILD CARE. More details to come!