Fall/Winter 2019

Dear Friend of Wild Care Happy Autumn!



The fall season often reminds us to take time to reflect on the things we are most grateful for. I am grateful to run this incredible organization, which cares for Cape Cod's wildlife in need, over 1,800 animals a year. I am grateful to my staff, for the dedication and compassion they show to all living creatures, each and every day. I am grateful that we are situated on Cape Cod, a location known for its beauty, and its abundance of wildlife on land, air, and sea.

What I am most grateful for however, is YOU.

Wild Care's supporters are our everyday heroes who enable us to continue this life-saving work. We couldn't do it without you. Together, we are saving wildlife, one animal at a time. For this, we are grateful!

"Here are some stories of the everyday miracles that your support enabled this year."

A Monarch Butterfly with a damaged wing, received a wing transplant at Wild Care, and was released just in time to make its long migration south for the winter.



A Monarch Butterfly received a wing transplant.



Red-tailed Hawk, recovered from poisoning, is released by Jayne Fowler.

A Red-tailed Hawk was found sitting in a driveway in Brewster this February, slumped over and barely responsive. The hawk was suffering from rodenticide poisoning, likely from eating a rodent tainted with anticoagulant rat or mouse poison. After intensive care from Wild Care's caring staff, and a 30-day treatment with Vitamin K, the hawk was released back into the wild.

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Two emaciated juvenile Bald Eagles from Harwich and Truro got off to a bad start in life, but were fortunate to find shelter at Wild Care for nearly a month. A little fattening up, and some flight time in our large raptor aviary, and these two birds were ready to set off into the world. They were released in Cummaquid in August, and didn't look back. Fair winds and following seas, feathered beauties!



Two eagles fly free again. Photo by Steve Heaslip, Cape Cod Times.



An orphaned White-footed Mouse was found wandering around the parking lot of the Charles Moore Ice-Skating Arena in Orleans. A kind person brought the mouse to Wild Care, where it recovered from a massive eye infection. Sadly, the infection left the mouse blind. But not to worry, we'd like to introduce you to "Bill", Wild Care's newest Educational Ambassador. Bill is very happy, and loves to run on his wheel all day. His role is to teach people why mice are a valuable part of our ecosystem.

I hope that you have enjoyed these success stories as much as we have. They have been made possible by your support!

Success stories like these are made possible with your support! Please consider donating today. There are many ways you can help...

- Make a one-time donation Help us through the remainder of the year.
- **Become a Monthly Sustainer** Support our wildlife patients into the future! Sign up at https://www.wildcarecapecod.org/donate-today/
- Become a Planned Giver Make Wild Care a beneficiary of your estate. Contact Executive Director Stephanie Ellis, sellis@wildcarecapecod.org.
- Attend a Wild Care event! <u>www.wildcarecapecod.org</u> Save the date, for Wild Winter Night on Feb. 8, 2020.

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

Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director Wild Care, Inc.