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**Wild Care Receives \$21,191 TernSOLAR Challenge Grant from Tern Foundation. My Generation Energy to Install Solar Panels.**

Wild Care, a wildlife rescue in Eastham, MA is the recipient of a \$21,191.00 TernSOLAR challenge grant from Tern Foundation, based in Massachusetts. The funds will support the addition of solar panels on the roof of the new expansion project building. The solar panels will be installed by My Generation Energy. To match the grant, Wild Care needs to raise an additional \$21,191.00 from the community. The remaining cost of the project will take advantage of the 'Direct Pay' 30% reimbursement provision of the newly implemented federal Inflation Reduction Act, supporting nonprofit organization's ability to invest in solar installation.

The proposed array is 22 panels, totaling 9.3kw, and covers the entire southwest-facing portion of the building's sloped roof. The array's production will cover roughly 88% of the building's electricity usage. As the direct owner Wild Care will be able to reinvest electric savings into mission driven programs for many years to come. The projected annual electric savings is more than \$5,000, and \$100,000 plus over 20 years. In addition to financial benefits, solar energy is also an investment in the environment reducing air pollution, greenhouse gases, and helps mitigate climate change.

Wild Care seeks community members to help meet the TernSOLAR grant's challenge. Donations can be made at [wildcarecapecod.org](http://wildcarecapecod.org) or mail contributions to Wild Care, 10 Smith Lane, Eastham, MA 02642.

The public is invited to view the new expansion and solar project on Saturday, June 15th from 11am until 2pm at 10 Smith Lane, Eastham, MA as part of Wild Care's Wildlife Baby Shower celebration.

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**About Wild Care**

Founded in 1993, Wild Care's mission is to treat injured, ill, and orphaned native wildlife for release; to prevent wildlife casualties through public education and live counseling; and to engage the community in conservation through volunteerism. Wild Care provides quality of care and dignity for animals' lives, and does not charge the public for services to wildlife. The organization constantly strives to preserve the natural history of Cape Cod and provide quality, individualized care to its patients. Wild Care also works to alleviate pressures experienced by wildlife by aiding in habitat restoration and enrichment, documenting rare species for habitat protection, and serving as a voice of responsible stewardship whenever possible. For more information visit [www.wildcarecapecod.org](http://www.wildcarecapecod.org)

**About Tern Foundation**

Tern Foundation's TernSOLAR challenge grant program is designed to expand renewable energy use in Massachusetts communities, making solar technology more accessible to nonprofit organizations. Grants are offered to dynamic nonprofits whose leaders engage creatively with their communities, and also consider future generations and the natural environment in their strategic priorities and sustainability planning. Since 2010 Tern Foundation has funded over 25 solar projects and associated environmental education initiatives. <https://www.ternfoundation.org/>