## **About Jonathan**

Jonathan was born on September 12, 1993, to Michael and Lisa Carey. He was diagnosed as mentally retarded at 19 months old, and with autism at 6 years old. Jonathan was very loving and affectionate, and he was passionate about horses all of his life. Jonathan was abused and neglected at a residential school for children with autism in Dutchess County, New York, in 2004. All investigative records were immediately sealed by the State of New York, which led Michael and Lisa Carey to fight for Jonathan's Law, to give parents and legal guardians access to their children's records in schools and facilities throughout the entire state. Jonathan was tragically killed on February 15, 2007, by two people entrusted to care for him. Jonathan's Law passed both the Assembly and the Senate unanimously and was then signed into law by Governor Spitzer on May 5, 2007. Since Jonathan's Law was signed into law, 6 more laws have been signed into law to also further protect other disabled children and adults because of all that happened to Jonathan. The past horrible abuse standard has been changed to a much better one, withholding of food or meals from the disabled for behavior modification has been banned by law, there will be safer limits on the amount of hours worked by caregivers (the caregiver that killed Jonathan worked 197.5 hours in the 2 weeks prior to killing him), there is also much better access to retroactive records of incidents of harm or abuse.

## **About the Jonathan Carey Foundation**

Our mission is to raise awareness and to advocate for the most vulnerable of children, the developmentally disabled, the orphaned, the abandoned, and the abused. Our purpose is also to raise funds for advocacy, to care for and support children, and to work with other existing organizations that are currently caring for children in need, and to advocate for necessary changes for children and their families. We believe —

"One... really can make a difference"

We would first like to thank everyone for the love and support you have shown to us and our entire family, both now and just after Jonathan's passing. We also want to thank you for caring for other vulnerable children in need of extra care, love and protection. With your help we can bring many necessary changes and do what is right to help them.

Michael & Lisa Carey

5th Annual
Jonathan Carey
Foundation Walk
Saturday, September 24, 2011

Schedule of Events

**Special speakers**	***Raffle***
Food & drink (rear pavilion	n)11:00-1:00
Walk to help children	10:00a.m.
Registration	9:00-10:00a.m.

WALK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE.

Business & corporate sponsors are needed and very much appreciated.

If you are interested in helping us with this event or the Foundation, please contact us at -

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Jonathan's Law and five other laws to potect disabled children and adults have been signed into law in New York State to date, as a result of Jonathan's tragic death.

Thanks be to God!