

# Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio Must Fight to Stop Deaths of the Disabled

*There are staggering numbers of deaths of the disabled throughout New York State and New York City, yet the death of one deer has taken Center Stage*

DELMAR, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, December 17, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Daily News came out with a sad story regarding the death of a deer in New York City, but what is critical is that we save the lives of people with disabilities and stop the preventable deaths occurring in unsafe facilities and group homes. The title of the Daily News piece is "One-antlered Harlem deer dies immediately after City Hall opts against killing it"

[http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/one-antlered-harlem-deer-dies-immediately-life-spared-article-1.2913134?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%202016-12-17&utm\\_term=DailyNews](http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/one-antlered-harlem-deer-dies-immediately-life-spared-article-1.2913134?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%202016-12-17&utm_term=DailyNews)

It is directly quoted this news story, written BY LISA L. COLANGELO JENNIFER FERMINO LARRY MCSHANE

"The uptown deer that captured Harlem's heart was killed by the battle to save its life.

Two days of in-fighting between City Hall and Albany ended abruptly Friday with the death of the single-antlered buck dubbed Lefty — and each side blamed the other for the loss of the deer-ly departed."

As the founder of the Jonathan Carey Foundation [www.jonathancareyfoundation.org](http://www.jonathancareyfoundation.org) I am fighting for and attempting to save the lives of our most vulnerable disabled in New York State. I am calling on both Governor Cuomo and [Mayor de Blasio](#) to immediately focus on saving the lives of our most vulnerable disabled residents. We can and must end decades of discrimination against the disabled. Together, we must protect the disabled living in State and private facilities and group homes that are being denied immediate 911 emergency medical and police services and assistance.

New York State and New York City top leaders must take decisive actions to stop the further loss of countless other innocent people with disabilities lives. Currently, hundreds of deaths of our disabled are occurring every month in New York State and many are due to the bypassing of 911 emergency call systems. I have presented these discriminatory, life threatening and deadly matters to both Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio personally, I have also met with their top staff, yet the bypassing of 911 tragically continues and many people with disabilities are dying as a direct result. I believe this deadly discrimination that still exists would make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. roll over in his grave. We are all equal and people with disabilities are of no lesser value than anyone else, period. Since when is it okay to violate the basic equal rights of upwards of 1,000,000 New Yorkers with



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12, 1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15, 2007



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*Michael Carey- Advocate for  
1,000,000 New Yorkers with  
disabilities*

disabilities and not provide them 911 emergency medical and police assistance when they are victims of crimes, significantly injured, in medical distress or stopped breathing?

I love deer, they are beautiful animals, but human being which include our disabled and those struggling with mental illness lives are far more important. I am calling upon Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio to take swift decisive actions to protect and save the lives of countless people with disabilities. The purposeful bypassing of 911 and calling a nurse triage hotlines somewhere else in the State, instead, is the number one known trend leading to the “untimely” deaths of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These are

preventable deaths. This horrific wide-scale statewide discrimination against the disabled which clearly denies them their equal protection of laws must be stopped now. It is time these two leaders in our great State take decisive emergency actions to stop the further loss of precious people with disabilities lives under their jurisdictions, like my son Jonathan. Jonathan was developmentally disabled, he had autism, he was non verbal and he was only 13 when he was killed by his New York State caregivers on February 15, 2007 <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/06/nyregion/boys-death-highlights-crisis-in-homes-for-disabled.html> and <https://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/10000000849083/a-failure-to-protect.html> .

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