We at G&E Therapies are very proud of the company we have built. This would not be possible without the talented and experienced staff we have working with us. This team of professionals is dedicated to the clients in the community and to helping children and their families achieve their goals. We would like to take a moment to introduce you to our staff so you may better understand our commitment to and preparation in providing services to the community.

**Physical Therapy**

*Gerilyn M. Gault, BS, PT (Ph#689-0922):* I graduated from Ithaca College in 1991 and have since dedicated my career to the treatment of clients with developmental and neurological impairments. My nearly 15 years of experience has included treatment of traumatic brain injury, acute medical conditions, rehabilitation, and children from the NICU to school age. As an NDT certified therapist since 1994 with a functional focus and transdisciplinary approach, I believe the success of the child is strongly linked to the success of the child’s family unit, community, and support system. I have continued to study the development of children in conjunction with sensory processing disorders. As a mom of 3 children, my experiences have taught me empathy and patience. With a rich background in the medical setting and continuing education in sensory issues, my interests include:

- Children born premature
- Children with sensory processing/integration difficulties
- Supplemental PT evaluations
- Weekly individual PT treatments for children and their families.

*Elizabeth C. Finch, BS, PT (Ph#775-2874):* I graduated from the Health Science Center at Syracuse in 1994. Since graduation, I have had a variety of clinical experiences including long term adult rehabilitation, hospital acute care, traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, nursing homes, and pediatrics clients birth to school age. My strength is to treat clients with neurological disorders using a functional, transdisciplinary approach. To help foster my understanding of the brain, I have had continued education in sensory processing and integration. For all diagnoses and clients, the team approach is a very important part of treatment. The power of family and the support network is an integral part of success. Being a mom of 2 children and over 10 years of professional experience has made me the dynamic therapist I am today. My interests include:
Developmental disabilities
Sensory processing and integration disorders
Supplemental PT evaluations
Weekly individual PT treatments for children and their families.

Kaeti Smith, PT (Ph # 237-5581): I graduated from College Misericordia in May 2004. Being a recent graduate, I am looking forward to continuing my new career with G & E Therapies. I have graduated from the G&E Therapies Pediatric Residency Program and look forward to advancing my current knowledge about Pediatric Physical Therapy. My past clinical experience includes outpatient orthopedics, hospital acute care, and an early intervention program. Currently my interests are in learning more about Sensory Integration and NDT treatment techniques. In conjunction with providing Early Intervention services, I will also be providing Physical Therapy in the geriatric setting. I am excited about pursuing my career in physical therapy by gaining as much experience as possible. My interests include:

- Sensory Processing Disorders
- Premature Infants
- PT Supplemental and CORE evaluations
- Developmental Disabilities

Elizabeth Hoyt, PTA (Ph#689-0922): I graduated from Broome Community College in 1990, where I received an Associates of Applied Science Degree. I am a wife and mother of two children believing in the family unit to love, support and encourage children everyday. My 15 years of professional experience includes pediatrics, geriatrics, short-term rehabilitation and homecare. In my experience, I have learned that the team approach is the only successful approach in achieving the goals of our clients. Continued education is critical to our profession. I have participated in continued learning in sensory integration, developmental delay, and therapeutic ball techniques. I look forward to working with the team. Interests include:

- Developmental Delay
- CPSE clients and families
Occupational Therapy

Alison N. Parrish, OTR/L (Ph#761-1363): I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor’s Degree in OT in 1999. I have practiced in a variety of pediatric settings including the school system, Early Intervention programs, the NICU, and outpatient setting. My experience involves working with children of all ages and a wide range of diagnoses including prematurity, congenital and acquired neurological impairments, and sensory integration/processing disorders while my continuing education and interests specifically focus on these areas. My interests include:

- OT Supplemental Evaluations
- Sensory Evaluations
- Premature babies/children and their families
- Developmental disabilities
- Weekly individual OT treatments.

My passion is working with children with such special needs and those who care for them to enhance and optimize their quality of life. I strongly believe that team collaboration rooted in a family-oriented approach achieves success.

Phyllis Schatz, BS, OTR/L (Ph#766-6055): I attended Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan for my Freshman and Sophomore years, majoring in Occupational Therapy. After working on a kibbutz in Israel for a year, and working a year as a nurse's aide in Buffalo, New York. I then transferred to Boston University in Massachusetts, where I completed my Junior and Senior years in O.T. I graduated cum laude with a B.S. Degree in Occupational Therapy in 1975. My first job was Director of O.T. at Rosa Coplon Home and Infirmary in Buffalo, N.Y. where I worked for 5 years before leaving to have my first of four sons. Whenever a son went off to Kindergarten I returned to part time employment as an O.T. consultant at various nursing homes in Buffalo, Williamsville and Binghamton, N.Y. My family moved to Binghamton in 1997, two of my sons went off to University, and I am thrilled to return to my wonderful profession! I have always focused on Geriatrics where I enjoy helping senior adults live up to their full potential and feel valued as people. For the past two years I have been treating Pediatric clients in the school settings as well as working with Autistic Children at SUNY Binghamton’s Institute for Child Development. My areas of interest are:

- Orthopedics (knee and hip replacements)
- Cognitive disabilities
- Neuromuscular problems
- School Age Pediatrics
Sue Hubbard, MSEd (Ph#206-1688): I graduated from Oswego State University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. I am certified to teach nursery school through sixth grade. In 1998, I completed my Master of Science degree also at Oswego State to become certified in Special Education. My work experiences include five years of teaching elementary school special education in an inclusive environment. Collaborating with therapists and regular education teachers helped to develop instruction that was team oriented and focused on consistent and appropriate needs for each child. My interests include:

- language acquisition
- developmental delays
- attention deficit disorder
- emotional and learning disabilities
- autism
- speech/language impairments
- blindness
- inclusion

As a mom of one, I have rediscovered the joy of learning through play and am excited about helping little ones in our area do the same! I look forward to working closely with families to ensure each child learns and grows to his/her potential.

Speech Language Pathology

Susan Wanamaker, MS CCC-SLP (Ph# 222-0029) graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in education, Speech-Language Pathology concentration, from the State University College at Fredonia in August 1980. After working for 5 years in various school districts in New York State, I returned to SUC Fredonia and received a Master’s degree in Speech Pathology in 1987. Within the year, I completed requirements for NY state licensure and national certification for the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Over the past 22 years I have had experience in all aspects of Speech-Language services including residential and workshop services for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled adults, geriatric rehabilitation and home care services, outpatient services in a hospital setting, as well as home based services for Early Intervention and birth to 5 years. I have a particular interest in:

- Swallowing disorders
- Augmentative communication
Jessica Droge, BS, TSHH, MSEd (Ph# 341-1760): I graduated with an Associate’s degree from Broome Community College in 1997 and went on to receive my Bachelor’s degree as a Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped from the State University College at Cortland in 1999. For the past 5 years, I have been working as a Speech Therapist in a local school district. I recently received my Master’s degree in Literacy Education (Birth through 6th grade) from Binghamton University in 2004. Although I have experience working with children from preschool through high school, my interest has mainly focused on students just beginning their education (ages 4-10). I have had the opportunity to work with children with varying difficulties and disabilities. As a therapist and a mom of 1 child, I believe that a team-centered approach is critical for the success of any child. My interests include:

- Inclusion
- Oral Motor Therapy
- Articulation Disorders
- Language Development
- Cochlear Implants
- Hearing Impaired
- Technology (including augmentative communication and FM systems)

I am fortunate to have the role of Core Evaluation Coordinator for Early Intervention clients at G&E Therapies! This provides me the unique and wonderful opportunity to interact with families of young children and various members of the rehabilitation team to assess necessary services for each child we meet!

Kristan Tomaka MS, SLP, TSHH (phone # 760-8980): I graduated with my Bachelors degree in Speech and Hearing Handicapped from SUNY Geneseo (1994), then went on to receive my Master of Science Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Ithaca College (1995). As a licensed speech-language pathologist, I have worked with children in a variety of settings, including integrated special education programs (preschool-5th grade), home based therapy for 3-5 year olds, and elementary schools. My "love" is working with preschoolers, their families, teachers, and other therapists in a collaborative, team approach. I truly feel children cannot be treated in isolation, and although therapy is individual, the team-based approach achieves greater success by consistent expectations, goals, and reinforcement. As a mother of two young boys, I have an abundance of energy and patience. I pursue continuing education opportunities consistently to continue to develop my skills. My interests include:

- Communication/Language Disorders
- Articulation/Motor Speech Disorders
- Autism/Spectrum Disorders
Speech Language Pathology/Service Coordination

Anne Marie Murphy, MS, CCC-SLP (Ph# 727-7762): I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders from The College of Saint Rose in 1980, and received a Master's degree in Speech Pathology from Ithaca College in 1981. With 24 years of experience, I have worked with infants, toddlers, school aged children, and adults with a wide variety of communication disorders in settings such as outpatient rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, Headstarts, ARC sites, daycares, special education preschools, home health, hospitals, and private homes. As an Ongoing Service Coordinator, I have several years of experience in assisting families by facilitating the delivery of therapies/services, and serving as a support system and community resource for them. My interests include:

- Speech and language delays (pediatrics and adults)
- Cognitive delays
- Stroke rehabilitation

We hope this information helps you to know our staff and our abilities. We are always expanding and improving our services to help benefit the community. **We are an approved provider agency for Supplemental and Core Evaluations in both Broome and Tioga Counties! Call Gerilyn or Elizabeth for information!** We look forward to working with you in the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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