

## **Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss**

### **Vietnam Deaf Education Program Team**

**Paige Stringer, M.A. (Vietnam Program Manager):** Paige Stringer is the Executive Director of the Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss. She has 14 years of business development, communications, and marketing experience, including positions held at Amazon.com and The Clorox Company. She served as Communications Director and as Vice President of the Board of Directors at Listen and Talk, an auditory-verbal early intervention program for children with hearing loss in Washington State. She is a member of the University Lions Club in Seattle. Paige was born profoundly hard of hearing, but benefitted from early intervention programs, access to quality hearing aids, and strong family and teacher support to develop listening and spoken language. She was mainstreamed at kindergarten and attended neighborhood schools throughout her academic career. Paige graduated with honors and a B.Sc. from the University of Washington where she was a full scholarship athlete on the women's tennis team, and holds a M.A. from the University of San Francisco. Paige was recognized for her advocacy efforts with the 2009 Focus on People Award by Oticon, one of the world's largest hearing aid companies.

### **Mobile Mission Team 2012**

**Jane Madell, PhD CCC-A/SLP, ABA, LSLS Cert AVT --** Jane Madell has been a pediatric audiologist for more than 40 years. She received her B.A. from Emerson College, in Boston, and her M.A. and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is licensed in audiology and speech-language pathology in New York and New Jersey. Jane is nationally renowned for her work with young children who have severe and profound hearing loss, selection and management of hearing aids and cochlear implants, evaluation of difficult-to-evaluate children, including children with autism and other developmental disabilities, and evaluation and management of children with auditory processing disorders. Jane has written four books, 17 book chapters, and numerous journal articles. She is a frequent speaker to professional and parent groups.

**Lauri Nelson, PhD, CCC-A --** Lauri Nelson is an Assistant Professor of Auditory Deaf Education at Utah State University. She provides advising and clinical supervision to graduate students in the Auditory Learning and Spoken Language program. Lauri worked in Clinical Audiology for nearly 20 years, including as a cochlear implant programming audiologist at Primary Children's Medical Center and a Clinical Research Scientist at Advanced Bionics Corporation. She also obtained a PhD in oral deaf education and has worked as an itinerant deaf education teacher and an aural habilitation specialist. With a dual background in clinical audiology and oral deaf education, Lauri has been able to combine her hearing technology experiences with her love of working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology.



**Jacalyn Patton, M.Sc., CCC-A, LSLS Cert AVT** – Jacque Patton has over 35 years of experience working with children who have hearing loss and their families as a pediatric audiologist and Listening and Spoken Language Specialist, Cert. AVT; and a classroom teacher. For 28 years she served as the chair of the audiology department at *Sunshine Cottage*. Together with colleagues she developed the *Newborn Hearing Center* at *Sunshine Cottage* which provides diagnostic evaluations for families when their infant is referred by newborn hearing screening. Jacque has served as an adjunct professor at Trinity University, the University of the Incarnate Word and the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio teaching courses in audiology, aural habilitation and auditory-verbal therapy. In addition, she has presented at numerous conferences, authored several articles and book chapters.

**Judy Simser, O.Ont, B.Ed., Dip. Ed. Deaf, Cert. AVT** – Judy Simser is an internationally-acclaimed speaker on the education of children with hearing loss and the former director of the Auditory-Verbal Program at the Children's Hospital in Ottawa, Canada. She also worked in Taiwan for six years, where she established two Auditory-Verbal clinics serving over 1,000 families and trained 36 teachers. Judy also spent a year training Auditory-Verbal therapists from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia, and developed an auditory-verbal center at the Singapore General Hospital. She now resides in Ottawa where she continues to serve as an international consultant on childhood hearing loss and is an ambassador for the AG Bell Association. A past president of Auditory-Verbal International and recipient of the AG Bell International Teacher of the Year Award, Judy has been recognized for her contributions to the profession with the Canadian Commemorative Medal and the prestigious Order of Ontario. Judy has contributed to many publications and is the parent of a son with a profound hearing loss who is currently practicing law.

**Zofia Wald-Mroz, Au.D. Msc. B.Sc.** -- Zofia is an Audiologist with Helix Hearing Healthcare in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Zofia has worked as a pediatric audiologist in many different settings including clinical and teaching hospitals, in private practice, and in the educational system. For a period of ten years she ran her own Private Practice which she recently sold to Helix Hearing Healthcare. She has worked in many parts of the world including Saudi Arabia, Australia and Saipan. She was instrumental in establishing a hearing programme for the indigenous North American population in remote Northern Ontario communities. She has served on the local board of the Canadian Hearing Society, a non-profit organization working towards increasing the availability and accessibility of services for hearing impaired persons. She holds a B.A. in Physics and an M.Sc. in Audiology from the University of Manchester in England as well as an M.Sc. in Community Health and Epidemiology from Queen's University in Kingston, ON Canada. More recently, Zofia obtained her doctorate (Au.D.) in Audiology from Salus University, USA. Zofia is a licensed Audiologist with the College of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists of Ontario and is a member of The Canadian Academy of Audiology, The Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists and an the International Society of Audiology.

**James G. Watson, MSc. LSLS, Cert. AVT** -- For the past 31 years, Jim Watson has been a Auditory-Verbal Therapist / Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Gloucester Public Schools in Gloucester,

Massachusetts. He previously worked at the Helen Beebe Speech and Hearing Center in Easton Pennsylvania and at the Cora Barclay Centre in Adelaide, Australia as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist. Jim holds a B.A. from Tufts University. He has a M.Sc. from McGill University in Auditory Oral Habilitation of Children who are deaf or hard of hearing. He is past president and member of the Board of Directors of Auditory-Verbal International (AVI). He is past board member of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

**Lea Watson, M.Sc., CCC-SLP, LSL Cert AVT** – Lea Watson is a Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist with a focus in parent guidance for families with infants who are deaf or hard of hearing. She and her husband are co-founders of the Auditory-Verbal Communication Center in Gloucester, MA in 1980 which continues to serve children from infancy through school age. Lea holds a Massachusetts state license as a speech-language pathologist. She serves the AG Bell Academy as a supervisor of teachers worldwide who are seeking their Listening and Spoken Language Specialist certification in Auditory-Verbal Therapy. In 2007, Lea was honored with the Helen Beebe award which recognizes excellence in Auditory-Verbal Therapy mentorship. She has presented at international conferences for parents and professionals. Lea recently spent a year training therapists at the Cora Barclay Centre in South Australia under a Paul Newman Foundation Grant.

### **Teacher Training Program Team 2011**

#### **Auditory- Verbal Education/ Therapy**

**Maura Berndsen, M.A., CED, LSL Cert. AVT** - Maura Berndsen is the Educational Director of Listen and Talk, an early intervention program for children with hearing loss in Seattle, Washington. Maura has worked in auditory-oral and auditory-verbal settings since 1990, joining Listen and Talk in 1996. As Educational Director at Listen and Talk, she also provides early intervention, auditory-verbal therapy, and educational consultations. Maura speaks nationally about the subject and has contributed to publications on the topics of auditory-verbal therapy and the development of listening and spoken language in children with all degrees of hearing loss. She is President of the Executive Committee of Option Schools, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to advancing excellence in oral deaf education across the US. She previously served on the Board of Directors for the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. Maura holds a B.A. in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University and a M.A. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Texas, San Antonio. She also holds Listening and Spoken Language Specialists (LSLS) Certification as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist (LSLS Cert. AVT).

**Janet Fuller, M.A. Ed** – Janet Fuller is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. She has over 20 years experience working with children with hearing loss in early intervention settings. She currently works for Sound Beginnings at Utah State University (USU) where she teaches 3 to 5 year olds in a self contained auditory oral preschool. She also supervises graduate students in the Auditory Learning and Spoken Language program. Previously, she worked for Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



and the Indiana Department of Education as an Educational Consultant assigned as a state-wide resource for Auditory Learning and Spoken Language for public schools. Janet has also worked at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Indianapolis. While working at SJI-I she helped integrate speech therapy in the classroom as well as create a music program specific to children with early language and listening skills.

**Ellen Thomas, M.A. CCC-SLP, LSLC Cert. AVT** -- Ellen Thomas is senior speech-language pathologist at the University of Michigan Hearing Rehabilitation Center and serves on the University of Michigan cochlear implant team. In addition to supervising other speech-language pathologists, Ellen provides direct intervention to children with all degrees of hearing loss using the Auditory-Verbal approach. Since 2004, she has worked on the Sound Support grant, a matching grant between the University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology and Michigan Medicaid, which provides outreach throughout the state to bridge the medical and educational needs of children with hearing loss. In addition, Ellen is a contributing faculty member of FIRST YEARS, which provides certificate courses to professionals interested in expanding their knowledge and skills related to auditory-oral and auditory-verbal approaches to therapy and intervention. Ellen obtained her M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She has been a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal Therapy since 2000.

**Kathryn Wilson M.A., CCC-SLP, LSLC Cert. AVT** – Kathryn is a speech-language pathologist, teacher of the deaf and auditory-verbal therapist, with many years of experience as an educator, therapist, and consultant in public school, private practice, home-based, and clinical settings. Kathryn is a former member of the Board of Directors for Auditory-Verbal International, Inc., and served as Co-chair of its Professional Education Committee. Prior to assuming the directorship of FIRST YEARS at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Kathryn was the Director of the Resource Support Program in the Office of Education Services for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. She also mentors professionals pursuing certification in Auditory-Verbal Practice and is a consultant for WE Listen International, Inc.

### **Early Intervention**

**Ann Baumann, M.Sc., CCC-SLP, LSLC Cert. AVEd** – Ann Baumann is a speech language specialist who currently works for Willamette Education Service District in Salem, Oregon and teaches an oral preschool for children with hearing loss, ages 3-5 years. Ann has taught children with hearing loss in various capacities: toddler groups, as the speech/language specialist consulting in classrooms and with families, providing evaluation and remediation services for students 3-18 years of age in the public schools. Ann has also supervised student teachers. She has started and developed preschool programs for children with communication needs in Oregon and at the University of Iowa. While at the University of Iowa, Ann served as a clinical supervisor/instructor for graduate students in the areas of aural rehabilitation, student teaching, and speech/language disorders. She holds a M.A. from the University

of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and is a graduate of the First Years program. Ann is a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal Education.

**Kim Hamren, MA Ed, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT** –Over the years Kim Hamren has worked as a preschool teacher, auditory verbal therapist, and early intervention specialist. She is currently oversees the Early Intervention program at Listen and Talk. Previously, Kim taught preschool at the Omaha Hearing School for more than 4 years along with some Birth-3 services. She worked for five years as a Home-Based Special Educator for Birth-3 services with the Lincoln Public School District where she worked with families whose children had a variety of special challenges. She provides mentoring services in the First Years Project through the University of North Carolina and has been a co-presenter at Alexander Graham Bell Convention, EHDI Convention and the Washington Infant and Early Childhood Conference. She serves on the board of Washington State’s Hands and Voices. Kim earned her Teacher of the Deaf certification and her B.Sc. in Education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1980 and her M. Ed in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1992. She became a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal Therapy in 2003.

**Judith Odendahl MA Ed.; LSLS Cert. AVEEd** --Judy Odendahl has over 20 years of experience in the field of Deaf Education. She currently works as an Early Intervention therapist at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis utilizing Auditory Verbal and developmental models. Judy previously taught at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children in San Antonio, Central Institute for the Deaf. She supervises graduate students doing practicum work in Early Intervention in Deaf Education and team teaches a graduate class in early child language at Fontbonne University. Fontbonne holds the distinction of offering one of the few Early Intervention in Deaf Education programs in the country. She holds a BA degree in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University, a MA degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Texas, San Antonio, and is a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal Education.

### **Audiology**

**Martha Harney, M.Sc., CCC-A** - Martha Harney is an Audiology Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Washington. Her expertise is in Audiological Assessment, Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation. Martha has been employed for 13 years in the University. Martha was employed previously for a decade with Group Health Cooperative providing adult and pediatric diagnostic and amplification services. Martha also previously worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa to provide audiology services to deaf and hard of hearing children, serving within the Kenya Society for Deaf Children. Martha holds her BA from San Jose State University and her M.Sc. in Audiology from the University of Washington. She is a member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology and the Washington Society of Audiology.



**Denise Kossover-Wechter, AuD, F-AAA** -- Denise is the pediatric audiologist at the Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel and the Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator for Legacy Health System in Portland, Oregon and SW Washington. Denise has worked in elementary schools, in private Speech and Hearing Clinics, with ENT physicians, and in private practice specializing in amplification and auditory processing. Since she began her employment at Legacy 11 years ago; she has expanded audiologic services to include diagnostic assessment of infants and children, working with pediatric development and rehabilitation, communication, autism, cranial facial and oncology programs. She also mentors audiologists in auditory-evoked potentials. Denise earned her Doctorate in Audiology from AT Still University of Health Sciences, Arizona School of Health Sciences; her M.Ed. in Special Education: Parent-Infant Habilitation Specialist, from Lewis & Clark College, in conjunction with Infant Hearing Resource, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR. , her M.A. in Audiology, and B.A. in Speech Pathology & Audiology, from the State University of NY @Buffalo. She is an active member of the American Academy of Audiology, the Oregon Audiology Association and the Oregon Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI) Board. She earned her certificate of clinical competence in Audiology from the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

**Bradley McPherson, PhD** -- Bradley McPherson has worked as an audiologist for over twenty five years, in public hospitals and in private practice, as well as in university settings. He has worked in the United Kingdom, Australia, West and Southern Africa, East Asia, the Pacific and in the Middle East. He is presently Professor in Audiology at the University of Hong Kong, where he helped initiate China's first Masters program in Audiology, in 1996. Before coming to Hong Kong he was a Senior Lecturer in Audiology at the University of Queensland, Australia. In both Hong Kong and Australia his research has focused on screening for hearing loss, in both adults and children. Brad obtained his PhD from the University of Queensland and his Master's degree in Audiology from the University of Manchester, and has published two textbooks and over 100 scientific articles. He has extensive experience of developing countries and their needs, and an understanding of the challenges of improving hearing health care in developing countries.

**Lauri Nelson, PhD, CCC-A** -- Lauri Nelson is an Assistant Professor of Auditory Deaf Education at Utah State University. She provides advising and clinical supervision to graduate students in the Auditory Learning and Spoken Language program. Lauri worked in Clinical Audiology for nearly 20 years, including as a cochlear implant programming audiologist at Primary Children's Medical Center and a Clinical Research Scientist at Advanced Bionics Corporation. She also obtained a degree in oral deaf education and has worked as an itinerant deaf education teacher and an aural habilitation specialist. With a dual background in clinical audiology and oral deaf education, Lauri has been able to combine her hearing technology experiences with her love of working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology.

**Christi Sperry, AuD , CCC-A** -- Christi Sperry is a Pediatric Audiologist and the Regional Director of Newborn Hearing Screening for the Providence Women and Children's Program in Oregon. Her

expertise is in Infant and Pediatric Diagnostics and Newborn Hearing Screening Program Development. Christi has been with Providence for 10 years. She is also the Audiology consultant for the Oregon State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program in conjunction with the CDC. Christi was previously employed at University of California, Irvine providing adult and pediatric diagnostic and amplification services and helping develop their Cochlear Implant Program. Christi completed her clinical fellowship at Harvard Vanguard Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Christi holds her BS in Speech and Hearing Sciences and her MSc in Audiology from the University of Washington. She also holds her Au.D. from A.T. Stills University. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology.

**Kate M. Weiss, MSc, CCC-A** -- Kate has been a pediatric audiologist working with children and their families for over 30 years. Her early work experience was at Boystown Institute for Communication Disorders (now Boystown National Research Hospital) in Omaha, Nebraska and at St. Paul Rehabilitation Center (now Lifetrack Resources). She then was an educational audiologist with the Minneapolis Public Schools for 18 years. She served in the birth-to-three home-based program and Early Childhood Special Education, and worked with deaf/hard of hearing preschool and mainstreamed K – 12th grade students and their teachers and parents. In 1990, Kate joined Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she currently serves both outpatients and inpatients. Kate was part of Minnesota’s task force to implement universal newborn hearing screening and co-chair of the subcommittees that developed the state’s recommended best practice protocols for infant audiological assessment and amplification fitting for infants and children. Kate holds a BA from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and her MSc in audiology from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. She is a member of ASHA and Minnesota Academy of Audiology.

### **Speech Language Pathology**

**Terra L. Boulse – Archaro, MA, CCC-SLP** -- Terra Boulse- Archaro has 10 years experience working as a speech – language pathologist in the public school system, pediatric hospital setting, and private practice clinics. She also has three years of experience as a clinical supervisor and lecturer at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Washington. Terra spent four years working as a speech – language pathologist in Colorado Springs at the center-based schools for the hearing-impaired and four years at the Bill Daniel’s Center for Children’s Hearing at the Children’s Hospital in Denver as a deaf and hard of hearing specialist. During her time at the Children’s Hospital, she served as an aural rehabilitation therapist on the cochlear implant team and developed an early intervention program for children with hearing loss and their parents. Terra currently works as a speech language pathologist at Seattle Children’s. She previously served as a clinical supervisor at the University of Washington. Terra received her MA in Speech – Language Pathology from Truman State University.

**Hillary Ganek, MA, CCC-SLP, LSL Cert. AVT** – Hillary Ganek is a speech-language pathologist and Auditory-Verbal Therapist at The Listening Center at Johns Hopkins in Maryland where she provides auditory rehabilitation to families with children between 1 and 10 years of age post-cochlear implantation. She holds a B.A. in Linguistics from McGill University and M.A. in Speech-Language

Pathology from Northwestern University. While working at the Cora Barclay Centre, an Auditory-Verbal clinic in South Australia, Hillary was named the 2008 AG Bell International Professional Section Rookie of the Year.

**Helen Zuganelis, M.Sc., CCC-SLP** – Helen Zuganelis is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in working with children with hearing loss. Her experience spans a variety of settings and roles. She began her career as a clinical research speech-language pathologist and member of the cochlear implant team at the DeVault Otologic Research Lab in Indianapolis, IN. She went on to work on the start up team for the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf -Indianapolis satellite school. During her stay at SJI-I, Helen integrated speech-language therapy for children into the classroom and provided individual therapy. She also functioned as a classroom teacher for a 3-4 year old group and provided home based early intervention. Upon return to her hometown, Chicago, Helen worked at Child’s Voice school on the early intervention team. She expanded her experiences with hearing impaired children as an aural (re)habilitation specialist on the cochlear implant team at Children’s Memorial Hospital. Helen participated in the pilot program for the First Years Certificate in Auditory Learning for Children with Hearing Loss and she is also Hanen certified.