

## Sofia Halaris – Employee Spotlight – March 2020

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Sofia Halaris, MS, OTR/L, is an Occupational Therapist in her third year at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center. She works with Early Intervention as a part of our developmental classroom, as well as, with pre-school age children providing services throughout Monroe County. She is a graduate from D'Youville College with a Master of Science Degree, nationally certified, and licensed in New York State.

Her dedication, passion for the field of occupational therapy, and the effort she puts forth each day for the agency are outstanding. She is very much appreciated by her clients, families, and her co-workers.

“Sofia is a beautiful, vibrant ray of sunshine when she enters our classroom. She has a wonderful ability to take any difficult situation and handle it in an eloquent manner” –Rita Myers, M. Ed

“Sofia is wise beyond her years.” –Mary Shaughnessy, MA, CCC-SLP

“Sofia is a wonderful OT here at RHSC. She comes up with creative ways to teach children the tools they will need to perform daily activities that may be challenging. It is wonderful to witness the progress children make when working with Sofia. She genuinely cares about each child, and you can tell this isn't just a job for her; this is a mission to help children with issues they may be facing. She is truly an inspiration.” –Kelly DiProspero, Medical Records Specialist

“Sofia has an excellent ability to build rapport with families. She is uniquely able to discern areas of need and works tirelessly to determine the best therapeutic interventions- not only for the child, but for the family as well.” –Sara Calus, PT, DPT

“I have loved working with and mentoring Sofia. She is a truly gifted therapist and the kids she works with are so lucky to have her” –Kirsti Shields, MS, OTR/L

“There are not enough words to describe Sofia. Not only is she an incredible therapist who has a unique gift for working with children and families, but she is also a genuinely kind and compassionate person who cares about everyone she works with- not just the kids.” –Emily LaCoppola, MS, CCC-SLP