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Sunil Davidson: Climbing the Highest Peaks

Sunil Davidson, who served in the Budget Section of the Division of Financial and Administrative Management in New York, passed away in March, having worked at UNICEF since 1979. He is remembered here by colleagues (full remarks are posted on the Staff News Intranet site):

Jeanette Besosa: I'm convinced that he's thrilled that he has reached the highest mountain and crossed the widest waters. It was an honour to have known him. I'm now clearer on what the true meaning of spirituality and peace are. The void is for those of us left behind. There can be no doubt that Sunil has peaked...

Pratap Bushek: Sunil had many achievements. He ran a New York City marathon in just over three hours, and successfully swam the English Channel. He climbed some of the highest mountains in the world, including Mt. Aconcagua, and was seriously training to climb Mt. Everest. But his greatest achievement was the love, respect and enduring friendship that he generated in everyone who met him.

Merrill Cassell: Sunil Davidson climbed mountain peaks in his quest for enjoying the picturesque panoramas looking over the hills, not knowing that one day soon his spirit would rise over the highest of mountain peaks and take him to Paradise Point in Heaven. Sunil is in heaven for he was so good a man. In fondest memories.

Oscar Fernandez: Throughout my 30 years with UNICEF, Sunil always stood out as one of the most pleasant and dedicated staff that I had the pleasure of working with. We lost a great friend, and we will miss him terribly. I

can just see him now, his spirit soaring to the highest peak, saying to us not to be sad for him, for he had what most of us only dream about: He lived an honourable life, his way and to the fullest.

Adhiratha Keefe: Sunil brought the blue sky into our consciousness and encouraged us to fly. In the office corridor, on a city street or exiting from the icy ocean water his spirit shined. I with his other friends and colleagues have been blessed to experience in this lifetime the path of a great soul. His daily goodness helped him to focus and remain in touch with the source of spontaneous love and affection we experienced in his presence.

Roshan Kingham: Sunil was one of the gentlest, kindest people. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Bijaya Mallapaty: The tragic loss of Sunil has devastated the Budget Section more than I can ever express. While it is said that nobody is indispensable, Sunil was a pivotal staff member, one who was always motivated and willing to share his experience and knowledge with his colleagues. Even in the face of extreme pressure of work and, at times, frustrating problems, Sunil never lost his smile and made sure to achieve results on time. Despite our shock and sadness, we take comfort in the fact that he lived a contented life. May he rest in peace.

Eloida Marquez: A warm smile, a gentle voice, a helping hand, a gentleman. These are the traits I remember about Sunil. He will be sorely missed. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Eric Mullerbeck: From Sunil I learned about UNICEF, about New York, about fitness; he was not only a

friend, but also truly a gentleman. I'm grateful for the time I spent with him and for the kindness he showed me.

Saral Opera: Sunil had many sterling qualities. His kindness, graciousness and equanimity were appreciated and loved by anyone who knew him. If it is true that the good die young, it is also true that their good deeds live on in our hearts and minds....

Saudamini Siegrist: Sunil's goodness and peaceful presence were somehow beyond the immediate circumstances of the office. Whereas many of us will find ourselves exhausted or irritated, Sunil had a reserve of energy and calmness—an inner and outer strength—that was undisturbed by the demands of the job. He never looked for credit or attracted attention to himself. And he never failed to show respect, patience and kindness to others. The strength and inspiration of his memory is on another, larger scale—like the mountains he loved to climb.

Lily Vuong: Whenever I think of Sunil, I picture his smiling face. We have tried to collect the pictures taken over the years, but none captured a certain smile that said: Don't worry, things will get sorted out. It was the kind of smile that was especially reassuring when things got tough in the office. Sunil had a passion about his work and a certain calmness—both assured us that he would give his best to iron out the problems and accomplish the tasks at hand. We love him, we miss him so much, we will always remember him.

Siriwan Yaemvathithong: UNICEF, especially Budget Section, has lost one of its most precious people. He could simplify the complicated issues, explaining his work with confidence and calmness. Sunil always opened his door to help every colleague in UNICEF with his smiling face and welcome attitude, although we knew how busy he was. He respected us which made everyone respect him. It is very painful to face the reality that he has passed on. ♦

