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In memory of Dr. Mark Jacobson, 36, who died tragically on January 29, 2004 in a cross-country skiing accident, Nestlé PTC New Milford and Nestlé FS (NUSA) are combining efforts to establish a Memorial Scholarship Fund for Mark and his wife Denise's 16 month old son, Aidan Jacobson.

Mark began his career at Nestlé Product Technology Center New Milford, Connecticut in May 1994. He was well respected within the Nestlé R&D community as a dedicated and enthusiastic employee and as a disciplined scientist with an exception ability to observe and state things factually. In April 2003, he brought his starches expertise and powder flow experience to our Scientific Support group to head the Physical Sciences group in support of our FoodServices work in the areas of liquid and powder dispensing. For the past year in addition to maintaining his existing functions and responsibilities, Mark participated as one of three R&D members on the Nestlé FoodServices North America Renovation and Innovation Team.

Mark attended University of Rochester and was an honors graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, receiving his Ph.D. in Food Sciences from Purdue University in 1994 in Carbohydrate Chemistry. He had obtained 13 published product patents while working with Nestlé, including patents for gelatin-free products and calcium-iron fortification of food, and had six technical papers published.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed hiking, cross-country skiing, volleyball and kayaking. Throughout his competitive career, he won many kayaking events, including a Junior Olympic title. In August 2003 he achieved a lifelong dream by winning the U.S. Men's ICF K-1 Marathon Championship in kayaking at the U.S. Canoe Association Nationals event in Pennsylvania.

Those of you who wish to make a contribution in Mark's memory should make checks payable to **Aidan Jacobson Scholarship Fund** and send them to the address below:

Fleet Bank  
c/o Kathy Henion  
55 Main Street  
New Milford, CT 06776

To help Aidan learn about his father, Mark's wife is compiling a journal to give to Aidan filled with memories, stories and feelings people are writing about Mark. Please feel free to send your note addressed "Dear Aidan," to our PTC New Milford address and we will forward them to Denise.

I know many of you will remember Mark's smile and will miss his dry sense of humor. We have lost a highly admired colleague and good personal friend. It was a real privilege for me to have known him.

*Elaine Wedel*