

## Letter from Nahed Fouad to Kofi Annan

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Annan,

Thank you both for taking the time to let us know what Nadia meant to you.

Mr. Annan, you had a special place in Nadia's life; until as recently as the 1st. of August when she was with us in London, and thanked you over the phone on her new appointment in New York, i referred to you as her 'guardian angel', who was always there to move her in the right direction. She smiled, and agreed. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be.

Through her work, and after her death, we now realize what an amazing person she was. But really, she was just my younger sister, whom I could laugh and cry with. My sorrow is deep and my pain profound, so unfortunately it is too difficult yet to think of the happy days. I know these times will come, as that was what Nadia was all about.

We are enormously proud of her and of her achievements, and would hope that she will be a beacon of light to the younger generation in this mad world of ours. She actually believed in the betterment of mankind, as you and the rest of your noble institution does.

Sadly we cannot come to the memorial on the 19th September. However, I hope we will have the privilege of meeting you and Mrs. Annan when we come to New York soon.

My husband, Amr, and my daughter Malak join me in reiterating to you both our heartfelt gratitude for the help and solace you have provided us in our bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

Nahed Fouad