

# TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF QAWL/SPEECH

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## For Consultation

“Every believer can contribute to the Fund. Not all believers can give public talks, not all are called upon to serve on administrative institutions. But all can pray, fight their own spiritual battles, and contribute to the Fund. If every believer will carry out these sacred duties, we shall be astonished at the accession of power which will result to the whole body, and which in its turn will give rise to further growth and the showering of greater blessings on all of us.”

~ *The Universal House of Justice, in Wellspring of Guidance, pp. 37-38*

What can all believers do?

## FUND STORY

“It is delightful to share this story with you.

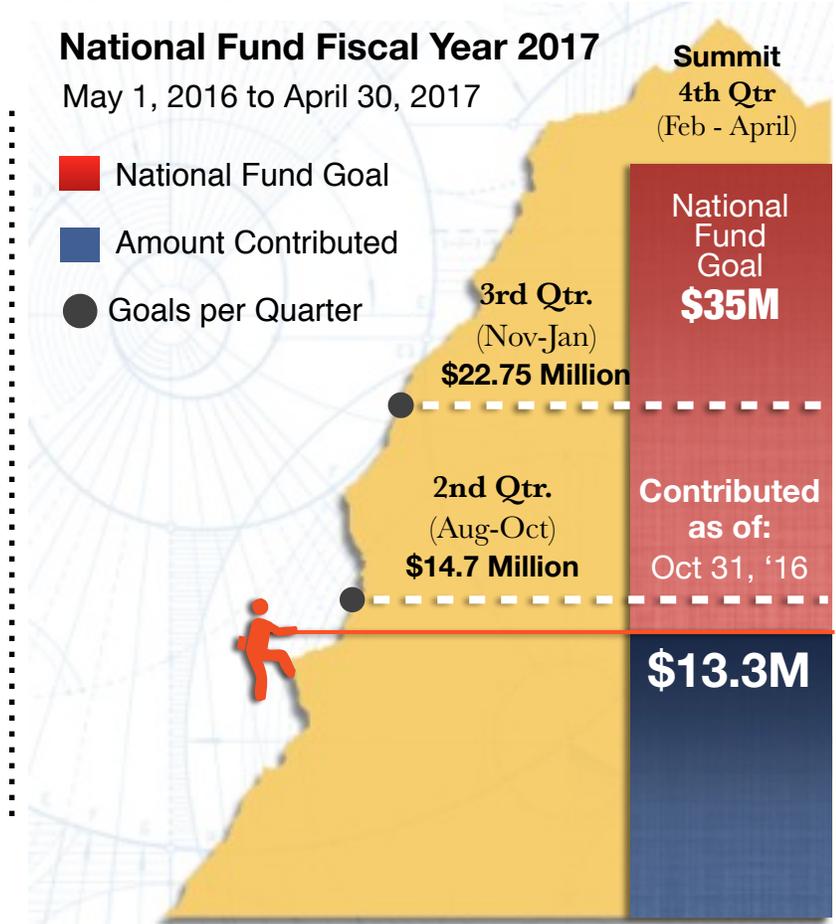
Apparently, a pension benefit due me had been overlooked for years! Our budget was already in place, and our needs met. So, after Huqúqu’lláh was paid on the funds, it seemed clear where the balance belonged. You cannot imagine the joy it brings to forward the remaining balance to our Fund! He truly is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous!”

Do you have a story to share about giving to the Funds? Let us know at [myfundstory@usbnc.org](mailto:myfundstory@usbnc.org)

## National Fund Fiscal Year 2017

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

- National Fund Goal
- Amount Contributed
- Goals per Quarter



## LOCAL FUND UPDATE

- ★ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contributed year to date/month
- ★ \_\_\_\_\_ people participated last month

## NATIONAL FUND UPDATE

- ★ **\$13.3 million** contributed as of Oct. 31, 2016
- ★ **\$14.7 million** - 2nd quarter goal for Oct. 31, 2016



**Fund Fact** - The National Fund supports educational efforts and initiatives that aim to familiarize the friends with the spiritual principles guiding our relationship with the institution of the Fund: universal participation, direct and continual giving.



## ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s Love for Simplicity

Story adapted from *Vignettes from the Life of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá*,  
Collected and edited by Annamarie Honnold

‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s family was taught to live simply - to be humble, loving and generous at all times. His children learned to wear clothes that were beautiful enough to be ‘an example to the rich and an encouragement to the poor’. Any money that was available to the family was also used to help the poor and the homeless.

For example, when one of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s daughters was getting married, she did not choose a bridal gown like most people - for her a clean dress was enough. Some friends were surprised by her choice. They went to ‘Abdul-Bahá and asked why His daughter had chosen such a simple dress? With candour He replied, ‘My daughter is warmly clad and has all that she needs for her comfort. The poor have not. What my daughter does not need I will give to the poor rather than to her.’



*How do you show humility, love and generosity in your home?*

*How do you show humility, love and generosity with your friends?*