

# TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF BAHÁ/SPLENDOR

MARCH 20, 2017

## For Consultation

“Giving to the Fund, therefore, is a spiritual privilege, not open to those who have not accepted Bahá’u’lláh, of which no believer should deny himself. It is both a responsibility and a source of bounty. This is an aspect of the Cause which, we feel, is an essential part of the basic teaching and deepening of new believers. The importance of contributing resides in the degree of sacrifice of the giver, the spirit of devotion with which the contribution is made and the unity of the friends in this service; these attract the confirmations of God and enhance the dignity and self-respect of the individuals and the community.”

~ *The Universal House of Justice to all National Spiritual Assemblies, August 7, 1985*

Why is giving to the Fund both a responsibility and a source of bounty?

## FUND STORY

“Alláh’u’Abhá, I’d like to share with you the following story from my community:

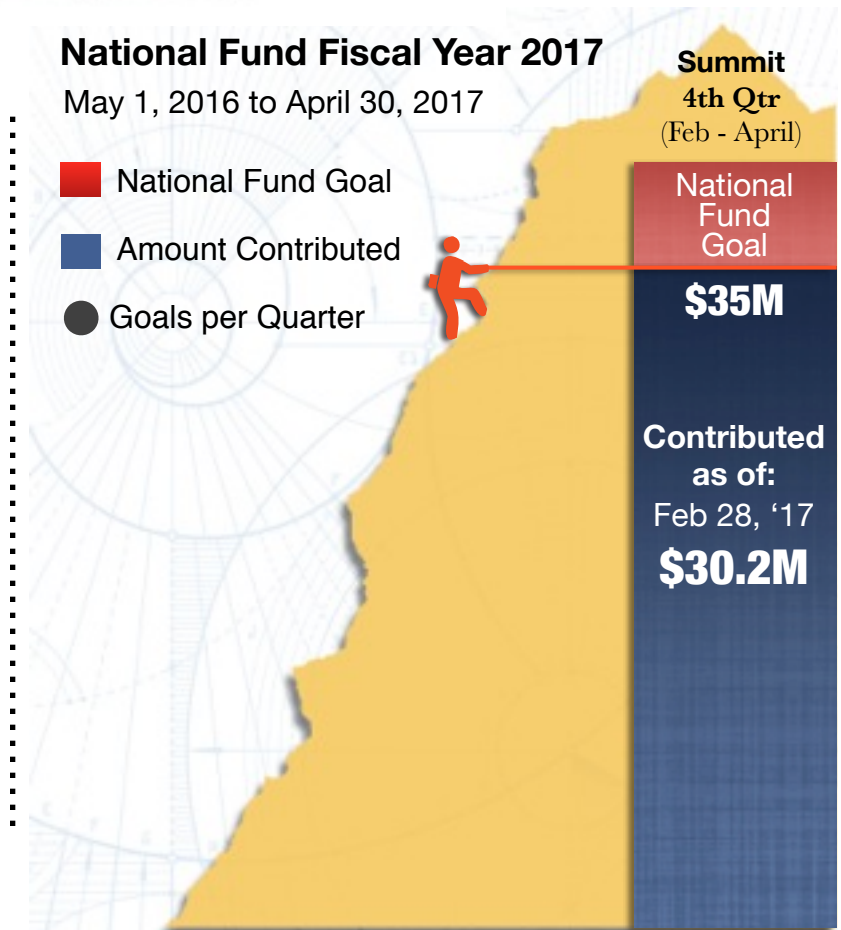
At a recent Feast our community brainstormed new ways to contribute to the Fund. One believer suggested that we strive to save money in other areas of our lives so that we may reallocate it to the Fund. We are now encouraging each other to do just that with a group chat we created using WhatsApp. When a believer saves money — whether it be by choosing not to buy a cup of coffee or snack, or by other means — he or she reports it to the group, without disclosing the amount. It has proven to be a source of inspiration for the community, and there is strong reason to believe that it has led to a sizable increase in donations. As an added bonus, it has kept the community members in more frequent contact with one another.”

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



Summit  
4th Qtr  
(Feb - April)

National Fund Goal

**\$35M**

Contributed as of:  
Feb 28, '17  
**\$30.2M**

## LOCAL FUND UPDATE

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

## NATIONAL FUND UPDATE

- ★ **\$30.2 million** contributed as of Feb. 28, 2017
- ★ **\$35 million** - annual goal for April 30, 2017



**Fund Fact** - The National Fund supports 3 permanent (year-round) schools and nearly 30 seasonal schools in 22 states around the country, serving over 4,600 people annually.