

# TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF ASMÁ'/NAMES

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## For Consultation

“The forces of materialism promote a quite contrary line of thinking: that happiness comes from constant acquisition, that the more one has the better, that worry for the environment is for another day. These seductive messages fuel an increasingly entrenched sense of personal entitlement, which uses the language of justice and rights to disguise self-interest. Indifference to the hardship experienced by others becomes commonplace while entertainment and distracting amusements are voraciously consumed.”

~ *The Universal House of Justice, March 1, 2017*

How can we navigate the forces of materialism with spiritual eyes?

### FUND STORY

The Office of the Treasurer received the following note along with a contribution:

“This check represents our community’s children’s class students...At the request of the Bahá’í parents, we began to hold a ‘Children’s Feast’ as a way to prepare them to learn about Feast, how to behave and contribute. For the last 4 months Jill\*(4) and Payam\*(8) host the Feast. They have learned that the Feast is held every 19 days and that there are 3 parts: the Prayers Part, the Talking Part (letters & Fund Report), the Eating Part. At our 2nd Feast they heard about the shortfall in the Fund and began talking about ways to raise money. At our next class we explored it a little more and with mom’s help came up with a plan to do one chore and give the money earned to the Fund. This check is earnings contributed by both Payam and Jill for 2 months. They both have been absolutely beautiful during Feast and are eager to learn. They have each decorated a Fund box at one of our classes. Wonderful works of art.”

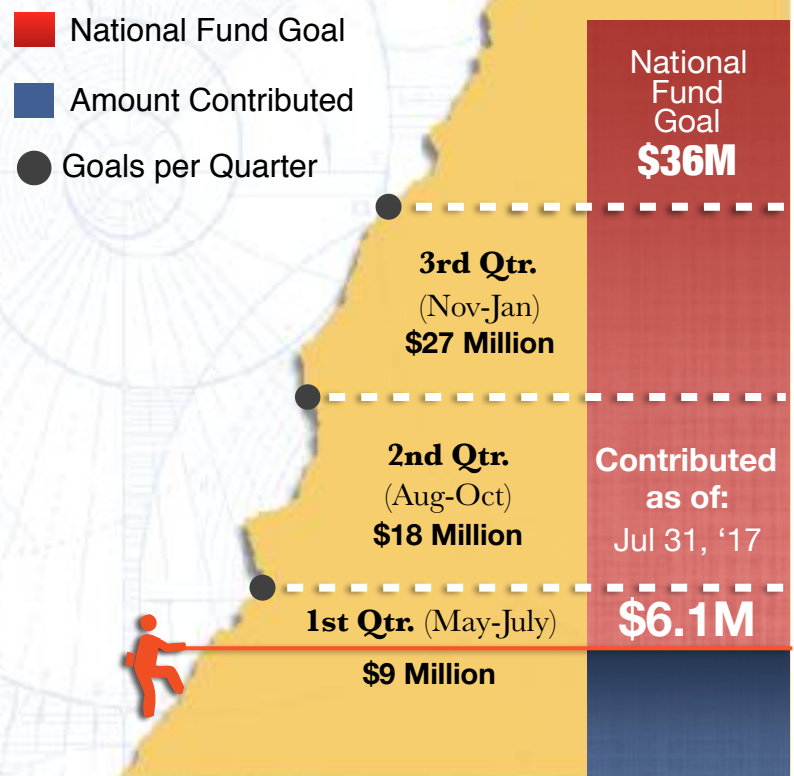
*\*name changed for anonymity*

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 2018

May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018

**Summit**  
**4th Qtr**  
(Feb - April)



### LOCAL FUND UPDATE

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

### NATIONAL FUND UPDATE

- ★ **\$6.1 million** contributed as of July 31, 2017
- ★ **\$9 million** - 1st quarter goal for July 31, 2017



**Fund Fact** - The Regional Funds, which are currently branches of the National Fund, support the work of the Regional Training Institutes in each region as well as many grassroots initiatives. Referring to the Regional Funds, the Universal House of Justice has stated: “with the aim that, in due course, the entire expenditure for the region would be provided by the believers in the region.”