



# TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF MASÁ'IL (QUESTIONS) DEC 12, 2023

**For reflection:**

*“A civilization befitting a humanity which, having passed through earlier stages of social evolution, is coming of age will not emerge through the efforts exerted by a select group of nations or even a network of national and international agencies. Rather, the challenge must be faced by all of humanity.” —The Universal House of Justice, 26 November 2012*

Why must the challenge be faced by all of humanity, yet only Bahá'ís can contribute to the Funds?

## National Fund Goal

**Goal**  
**\$48M**  
Ridván 2024

**\*\$22.3M**  
Contributed  
as of  
12/01/2023

■ Amount Needed  
■ Amount Contributed

The note below was sent by one of the Friends:

*“I know that you say the Fund is the lifeblood of the Cause, but for me it has been my life’s blood. I had a traumatic event happen in my life and like a lost child I ran far away from everything that I knew, including being active in the Faith. Though I was challenged with my test I held tight to 2 things and refused to let go...my Obligatory Prayer and giving to the Fund. Little did I know that this was, I feel, my lifeline to my Beloved Bahá’u’lláh. I struggled with all the challenges that everyone else does today in some form or another; prejudice, low self-worth, finding identity, loneliness, and sadness.*

*I have worked very diligently to overcome and while I was struggling with my tests and difficulties I would say to myself ‘at least Bahá’u’lláh still allows me to give to the Fund’. Then feeling thankful for this it would lead me into prayers.*

*I still struggle with tests and have to work to stay slightly above the poverty line, however; I feel so privileged to be allowed to give to the Fund. In my dark hours, in truth, this along with prayer has been my life’s blood, my lifeline. Thank you sincerely for this honor.”*



Unrestricted (not earmarked) contributions towards the National Fund goal allow for flexibility in supporting the many activities of the Faith. The goal set by the National Spiritual Assembly for this year (2023-2024) is \$48M.

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### Regional

**\$1.6M**

As of Dec 1, 2023

### Continental

**\$322,433**

As of Dec 1, 2023

### Shrine of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá Fund:

**\$33.6M**

As of Dec 1, 2023

(cumulative)

*No goal has been set for the Construction of the Shrine of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá*