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Ansarullah 2019 Income Budget Drive

Zahid Mian, Qa'id Finance

O ye who believe! let not your wealth and your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whoever does so — it is they who are the losers.

And spend out of that with which We have provided you before death comes upon one of you and he says, 'My Lord! if only Thou wouldst grant me respite for a little while, then I would give alms and be among the righteous.' (The Holy Qur'an, 63 [Al-Munafiqun]:10-11)

Dear Ansar Brothers, As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

In 2016, our beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) instructed us to go "door-to-door" to collect Ansar Chanda budgets. We started this year's process on June 1 and will continue throughout the month of June. During this month, you will be contacted by your Za'im or Muntazim Finance for your 2019 budget. The estimated calculation for income budget is roughly 1.1% of your annual net income (rule of thumb: for every \$10,000 in earnings the budget is \$115). Or use the Chanda Calculator for an exact amount.

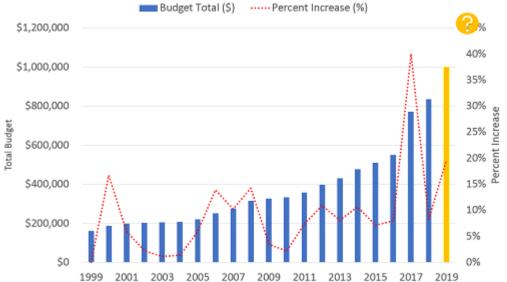
In the past two years, our "door-to-door" effort has yielded significant results. Our efforts in 2015 gave us 40% increase and last year's efforts improved our budget by another 10%. If this year's efforts yield a 20% increase then we will surpass the one-million-dollar psychological barrier. Kindly help us reach this goal.

What's new on the website

- Fasting—The Physician Within
- Ramadan Tips
- A Misconception Removed
- Exercise with Arthritis



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There are many reasons why Ansar Chanda is important, but suffice it to say that we should pay Chanda simply because our Imam has asked us. Do you really need





another reason? May Allah help us fulfill our goals and may He accept our humble sacrifices. Ameen.

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Ta'lim Test I

The deadline for taking Ta'lim Test is just a few days away. If you have not yet taken the test, please do so ASAP at:

> talimtest.ansarusa.org or ansarusa.org/taleem

Deadline for taking the test: June 15, 2018.













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30 Days to Form a Habit

Qamar Zafar, Austin, TX

Strive in the cause of Allah as it behooves you to strive for it. (The Holy Qur'an, 22 [Al-Hajj]:79)

There is truth to the statement that it takes about 30 days to form a habit. For example, after moving to a new place, we are likely to initially drive to our previous residence by mistake. After a few weeks go by, we develop the habit of getting to the right destination. Thus, it is easier for a newly acquired habit to be made permanent after 30 days.

Ramadan, with its many benefits, offers us this opportunity every year. Whether we are looking to form (or break) a consumption-based, social, or spiritual habit, Ramadan comes to our aid.

While fasting, we limit our intake of tea, coffee, snacking, and smoking during daylight hours. Ramadan brings us an awareness of putting our time to good use, together with a discipline around doing away with distractions. Let's cling on to these habits through next Ramadan and make them permanent.

In addition to consumption, we also abandon negative social patterns such as backbiting, misrepresentation, and using foul language—based on self-awareness and our individual level of Taqwa. The key is to make these practices last beyond Ramadan.

Then there is the daily recitation of the Holy Qur'an, commitment to congregational Prayers, focus on worship such as Tahajjud and Trawih, etc. All of these are means to attaining progress and nearness to Allah and represent the habit-forming potential in the spiritual world. Our goal should be to persevere these good practices after Ramadan.

Let's keep striving in attaining and preserving the good practices and become the recipients of guidance from Allah!

Those who strive in Our path—We will surely guide them in Our ways. (The Holy

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