



## **Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat O Momineen of North America, Inc**

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***As of January 2018, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 1.89 million to 350 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in educational institutions in the United States. We are neither able to thank Allah enough for His mercy nor you for the continued patronage. Thanks.***

### **FELICITATIONS**

We extend our felicitations to the community as we commemorate the birth anniversary of Shazadi e Kunan, Janab e Fatima Zehra S.A. The Lady of Paradise presents a role model for the women of the world and for humanity in general. Amongst the most prominent teachings of Bibi Fatima A.S. is to keep the interest and welfare of the neighbors and community paramount as she used to pray for her neighbors and the community before she would ask the Almighty for any favors for her family. May Allah enable us to follow the teachings and traditions of the Masoomeen A.S. and inculcate the noble values of the Infallibles in our daily lives and conduct.

### **OBITUARY**

The Anjuman conveys our deepest condolences to the following:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Maqbool Ladak of Long Island, NY, on the sad demise of their father in law/father, Alhaji Hassan Ali Mohammed Jaffer who passed away in Mombasa, Kenya in late February 2018. Mr. Maqbool Ladak is the President of the Anjuman.
2. To Dr. Saeed Bokhari and Mrs. Rabia Bokhari of Illinois on the demise of Mrs. Azra Bokhari who was the mother of Mrs. Rabia Bokhari and the mother in law and maternal aunt of Dr. Saeed Bokhari. Mrs. Azra Bokhari passed

away in Lahore, Pakistan in January 2018. Dr. Saeed Bokhari is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Anjuman.

3. To Dr. Sikander Madad of Long Island, New York on the sad demise of his elder brother, Syed Baber Madad Naqvi who passed away in Multan, Pakistan on March 2, 2018. Dr. Sikander Madad is an ex-President and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Anjuman.

We pray to Allah to grant the marhomeen the highest place in Janat and forgive their sins with the intercession of the Masoomeen A.S. We request the readers to recite a Sura-e-Fateha for the deceased.

### **FEEDBACK**

While we do not wish to toot our own horn, we received some encouraging words from one of members and we share it with our readers here:

*“With Salaam and thanks for all monthly Anjuman Newsletter, we could not express better than the quote below from Anjuman Newsletter (January 2018) to thank all dedicated volunteers who run all aspects of the AWSOM, so awesomely! ALHAMDOLILLAAH! Prayerfully wishing health, happiness and Allah (swt)-pleasing success continuously for the entire AWSOM community this year and ever, Mariam and Ali Asghar Agah”*

The Directors and members of the Executive Committee of the Anjuman are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Agah for their kind words. It is the encouragement of members like the Agahs and the support of the community that keeps us going and provides us the strength to do our part in strengthening the foundations of our community in the USA and building a strong, self-reliant and educated community.

## **SUCCESS STORIES**

*The Anjuman is thankful to the Almighty for letting us contribute to the betterment of the community through facilitation of higher education of our youth. Attaining higher education is not only our religious duty but it also affords better opportunities for the financial well-being of the student and his/her family. We continue with our series of success stories of our beneficiaries below:*

### **ZAFREEN JAFFERY**

Zafreen Jaffery, Ed.D. works for The Children's Trust in Miami, FL as a research and evaluation analyst for the early childhood development initiative. She is passionate about promoting educational equity and social justice for all children. Originally from Pakistan, she brings years of expertise in research, evaluation, teaching and program management. Dr. Jaffery earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership from Portland State University in 2012.

Her dissertation focused on a dual case study of an urban and a rural school managed by two NGOs in Pakistan for children from low socio-economic background. After graduation, she worked for Education Northwest in Portland, OR, where she produced research briefs and evaluation reports, and provided technical assistance to five states in the Pacific Northwest. Her select project work includes conducting evaluation of the following initiatives: a Technical Assistance Academy for school coaches; a pre-college program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and a collective impact initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in South Seattle and South King County.

Her doctorate, as an international student, was supported by a generous non-interest loan from the Anjuman without which she would not have been able to accomplish her dream.

### **YADGAR FUNDS**

Dr. Azra Rezwi of NY added \$3,000 to the existing Yadgar Funds instituted in the loving memory of her parents Syed Tahir Rezwi and Sayeda Sughra Subzwari and also in the memory of late Tahera Rezwi and late Syed Ghulam Ali Subzwari. We are thankful to Dr. Rezwi for her generous contribution and request the readers to please recite a sura e fateha for the above mentioned marhomeen.

**The Anjuman has, registered its presence on social media with the launch of our Facebook page. We request you to kindly visit the page.**  
<https://www.facebook.com/anjumanwazifa/>

## **HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL – A NEED OF THE TIME**

I am the voice of the community. Listen to me, hear me out, understand my wishes, desires and motivations and help me achieve my dreams. I, the community, aspire to have the utmost respect and a standing second to none in the world. I yearn for my members to be experts in every field. I desire for my members to be influencers and thought leaders in every walk of life. I, impatiently wait for the day when my members will be regarded as experts in sciences, humanities, politics, technology, media and communications, medicine, engineering, law jurisprudence and all other disciplines. I long for the day when we will be shaping the character of the universe by becoming the group that everyone will look up to as the leaders in academia and applied physical and social sciences. We are the followers of the Ahlul Bait A.S. and it is as incumbent on us to take up that role. BUT this will only be possible if we make education our top priority and put in concerted efforts in an organized manner to develop and nurture the required intellectual base. We have examples in other communities who followed this path and are highly successful today. We are the heirs of the intellectual legacy of the prophets and a'ima and there is no reason for us to shy away from this track.

I implore you to come together, join hands and facilitate the intellectual development of our youth. There is an urgent need to channel our financial resources in an organized and thoughtful manner to achieve these objectives. A community-wide education policy is the need of time to develop a long term *knowledge agenda* and a plan for success.

Anjuman Wazifa Sadat's role is critical in this journey as it provides a means to overcome the financial constraints that our students face in the pursuit of their educational endeavors. At a minimum, support the efforts of the Anjuman by becoming a member. Consider every child in the community as your own, pool your funds and facilitate higher education for all the students in the community. By doing so, we will only be advancing the agenda of our Imam of the Time (A.S.)

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## **Membership Form**

*(Tax Exempt under IRS 13-3588100)*

Dear Sir,

I wish to become a member of the Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat o Momineen and enclose herewith my check/cash/online payment for US\$\_\_\_\_\_being the subscription for the year \_\_\_\_\_ or for Life time Membeship. I hereby undertake to abide by the Anjuman's Constitution, Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

I am donating a sum of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

to support educational programs of the Anjuman.

I am contributing US\$\_\_ from my Khums money. *(Anjuman has obtained 'Ijaza' from Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Al- Seestani)*

I am donating a sum of US\$\_\_\_\_\_to establish an "Endowment Fund" in the memory of my late \_\_\_\_\_, the income from which will be utilized by the Anjuman for supporting its aims and objectives.

Name and contact information of person(s) who may be interested in Anjuman's membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

**CARDHOLDER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Credit Card Type      MasterCard    Visa    American Express    Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION INFORMATION**

I authorize a one- time charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize a recurring charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
once every \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_  
and ending on \_\_\_\_\_ or indefinitely.

The Purpose of my contribution is:

Annual Membership Dues

Lifetime Membership Dues

Khums

Contribution to Yadgar Fund in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation

Repayment of my student loan from the Anjuman