# Chapter 15 Web Resources

**Be Aware of Raffle Regulations**

<http://www.audreysaxton.com/articles/category/raffles>

Raffles are a popular fundraising tool, but many nonprofit organizations don’t know that they’re considered gambling in many states. Writing for NALS, the Association for Legal Professionals, Audrey M. Saxton, PLS, provides good guidance for nonprofits to heed.

**Choosing the Right Event**

<https://www.tgci.com/articles/choosing-right-event>

Check the article “Choosing the Right Event” by Betty Stallings and Donna McMillon in the archives of the *Grantsmanship Center Magazine.* Special events can be time-consuming and costly ways to raise money; you want to match your event to the mission and capacity of your organization.

**Canadian Fundraiser**

<http://www.charityinfo.ca>

Based in Canada, Hilborn’s searchable resource in English and French covers all aspects of nonprofit management and fundraising.

**Event Software**

<http://www.idealware.org>

Idealware offers researched articles to help nonprofits find software that fits their needs. On the website, you can search for such articles as “A Few Good Online Auction Tools” and “Event and Auction Management Software.”

**Fundraising 101: Grassroots Events**

<http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/nonprofit-fundraising-garage-bake-sales-46708.html>

Ilona Bray, JD, looks at some grassroots fundraising that focus on selling goods.

**Games of Chance**

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/games-of-chance-raffles-and-charity-auctions>

If your nonprofit is planning a raffle, auction, or other event that might be considered a “game of chance,” it could be considered gambling in your state and would need to cover state regulations. We recommend reading this article along with Audrey M. Saxon, JD’s article cited above.

**Guiding Donors to Claiming Deductions for In-kind Contributions**

<http://www.irs.org>

If a donor contributes a vehicle or desk or other needed object to your organization, he can deduct the value of that gift from his tax return. It is his responsibility — not your nonprofit’s — to tell you the value of the gift and manage it in his tax return. It is your organization’s responsibility to thank the donor promptly, acknowledging the value of the gift. The Internal Revenue Service website provides further guidance.

**New Ideas to Refresh Your Fundraising**

<http://www.thefundraisingauthority.com/fundraising-ideas/unique-fundraising-ideas>

Writing for the Fundraising Authority, Joe Garecht proposes five ideas for fundraising and events that will overcome the drudgery of raising money.

**Nonprofit Advice**

<http://nonprofit.about.com>

Columnist Joanne Fritz writes a regular online column about all things nonprofit — including charitable events.

**Planning Special Events**

<http://www.grantspace.org/Tools/Knowledge-Base/Funding-Resources/General/Special-events>

The Foundation Center’s GrantSpace website offers webinars, classes, articles, and frequently asked questions on an array of nonprofit topics — including special events.

**Special Events Advice**

<http://www.specialevents.com>

Although it’s not focused exclusively on the nonprofit sector, the Special Eventswebsite offers articles of interest to any type of event organizer.

**State Offices Regulating Nonprofits**

<http://www.nasconet.org/documents/u-s-charity-offices>

To find the office regulating nonprofits in your state, visit the National Association of State Charity Officials website.