

Non-Profit & Gala Fundraising Playbook

How 501(c)(3) Organizations Turn Donated Blue-Chip Resort Assets into Risk-Free Revenue

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Executive Overview

Many non-profit organizations hesitate to accept real estate or resort property donations out of concern for hidden fees, long-term liabilities, or financial risk.

Asset Reclassification Group (ARG) eliminates that fear. ARG pre-screens high-net-worth donor applications to select only vetted, blue-chip timeshare resort properties for donation to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations. While ARG facilitates the independent Fair Market Value (FMV) appraisal so donors secure a same-year tax deduction, this Playbook provides your charity with proven, turn-key methods to immediately monetize those donated resort assets into event revenue.

Why Charities Can Accept These Assets Without Fear

- **Pre-Vetted Blue-Chip Assets:** ARG filters donor applications to ensure your organization receives only high-demand, premier resort properties.
- **Zero Financial Liability:** You accept assets with a clear, immediate plan for monetization—eliminating the risk of taking on overhead or holding costs.
- **100% Retained Revenue:** Every dollar raised through auctioning, raffling, or redeeming the donated asset goes directly to your mission.
- **Same-Year Donor Tax Benefits:** Donors receive a fully compliant, same-year tax deduction based on an independent FMV appraisal, creating a compelling incentive for supporters to give.

The 3-Step Donated Asset Framework

1. **Step 1: Filtered Application** – ARG screens donor applications to accept only high-quality, blue-chip resort assets.
2. **Step 2: FMV Appraisal & Deduction** – The donor receives a same-year tax deduction supported by an independent Fair Market Value appraisal.
3. **Step 3: Charity Monetization** – Your charity uses this Playbook to convert the accepted asset directly into 100% event revenue.

Proven Monetization Models

MODEL 1: Live Auction Main Stage Showcase

- **Package Concept:** Luxury Resort Vacation Getaway (3, 5, or 7 Nights)
- **Best Suited For:** Annual gala main stages, high-ticket benefit dinners, and major donor summits organized by your charity.
- **How It Works:** Place the accepted resort stay onto your live auction block. Because the asset was donated, there is no minimum reserve owed to a third party.

Stage Script:

"Experience world-class luxury while making an immediate impact on our mission. Bidding opens on an exclusive resort getaway offering up to 7 nights of spacious luxury accommodations in premier destination markets. Perfect for family vacations or romantic retreats, this package offers flexible travel windows. 100% of your winning bid directly funds our core community initiatives."

- **Financial Result:** 100% of the winning bid goes straight to your organization's bank account.

MODEL 2: Vacation Experience Raffle

- **Package Concept:** The Golden Ticket Vacation Drawing
- **Best Suited For:** Cocktail hour activations, reception sales, and digital pre-event campaigns.
- **How It Works:** Convert the donated resort asset into a capped raffle. Offer a limited number of high-ticket entries (e.g., 100 tickets at \$100 each) to build excitement among attendees.

Promotional Script:

"Win a luxury resort stay for just \$100! Only 100 tickets will be sold for this year's Vacation Drawing. The winner receives a 7-night resort getaway to a premier destination resort. Tickets are strictly limited—purchase yours during cocktail hour before sales close!"

- **Financial Result:** 100% of gross ticket sales (\$10,000 in a 100-ticket scenario) are retained directly by your organization.

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MODEL 3: Silent Auction & Digital Bidding Bundles

- **Package Concept:** Regional Resort Vacation Stays
- **Best Suited For:** Silent auction tables, golf tournament receptions, or online bidding portals.
- **How It Works:** Feature the donated resort stay as a high-appeal travel item on your silent auction bidding sheets or mobile app to capture competitive mid-tier bids.

Display Copy:

"Escape on a 3-night regional resort retreat. Perfect for a quick recharge, this certificate offers flexible booking options across premier resort properties. Place your bid on the silent auction sheet to secure a getaway while supporting our organization's programs."

- **Financial Result:** 100% of the final bid is retained by your organization. If an item receives no bids, the charity owes \$0.

MODEL 4: Major Gift Direct Asset Donation

- **Package Concept:** Deeded Resort Property Contribution Program
- **Best Suited For:** Planned giving brochures, major donor pledge packets, and endowment outreach managed by your development team.
- **How It Works:** Provide major donors with a structured pathway to donate underutilized, deeded blue-chip resort properties directly to your charity.

Donor Outreach Script:

"Transform an underutilized real estate asset into philanthropic support. ARG works alongside our development office to assist major donors in conveying deeded resort properties to benefit our organization. Donors eliminate perpetual maintenance fees while establishing same-year tax deduction opportunities through certified independent IRS appraisal protocols."

- **Financial Result:** Drives high-value real estate contributions and connects planned giving outreach directly to same-year tax benefits for major supporters.

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MODEL 5: Fund-A-Need / Paddle Raise "Tier Sweetener"

- **Package Concept:** Major Donor Giving Incentive
- **Best Suited For:** The live "Paddle Raise" or direct appeal portion of an annual gala.
- **How It Works:** Use the donated resort stay to incentivize direct cash gifts at higher giving tiers during your live appeal. Announce that the first donor (or top donors) who raises their paddle at a target level (e.g., \$5,000+) instantly receives a luxury resort retreat.

Auctioneer Script:

"Tonight, every dollar directly funds our mission. To thank our visionary leaders, the first donor who gives \$5,000 during our live appeal tonight will instantly receive a complimentary 7-night luxury resort getaway. Make your gift count twice!"

- **Financial Result:** Drives immediate high-margin cash donations during the direct appeal that might otherwise have been pledged at lower giving levels.

MODEL 6: Corporate Sponsorship Package "Sweetener"

- **Package Concept:** B2B Executive Perk Upgrade
- **Best Suited For:** Sponsorship decks and corporate solicitation packages sent out months before the event.
- **How It Works:** Bundle a donated resort stay into top-tier corporate sponsor levels (e.g., Gold or Presenting Sponsor at \$15,000+). Corporate sponsors can utilize the resort getaway as an executive perk, client reward, or employee sales incentive.

Sponsorship Proposal Pitch:

"Presenting Sponsor Package (\$15,000): Includes 10 VIP gala tickets, prominent logo placement across all media, AND a complimentary 7-night luxury resort getaway voucher for your executive team or top client incentive."

- **Financial Result:** Increases corporate sponsor conversions and justifies higher sponsorship package price points.

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MODEL 7: "Key to the Suite" Mystery Box Activation

- **Package Concept:** High-End Mystery Key Game
- **Best Suited For:** Cocktail hour games, golf tournament receptions, and interactive gala activations.
- **How It Works:** Sell a limited number of keys (e.g., 50 keys at \$200 each). Only one key unlocks the display box containing the donated resort stay certificate, while all other keys open runner-up gifts or wine bottles.

Reception Callout:

"Unlock a 7-night luxury vacation! Purchase a key for \$200 during cocktail hour. Only 50 keys will be sold—one key opens the grand box containing a turn-key resort getaway!"

- **Financial Result:** Generates immediate impulse cash flow (\$10,000 gross revenue in a 50-key scenario) during cocktail hour before the main program begins.

MODEL 8: Pre-Event "Buy-It-Now" Digital Travel Wall

- **Package Concept:** Instant Purchase E-Commerce Offer
- **Best Suited For:** Event websites, pre-gala email blasts, and digital bidding portals weeks before event night.
- **How It Works:** List the donated resort stay on the charity's ticketing or portal site at a fixed "Buy-It-Now" price (e.g., \$3,500) prior to the event, capturing revenue from supporters who cannot attend the gala in person.

Digital Campaign Copy:

"Can't attend this year's gala in person? You can still support our cause! Purchase our exclusive 7-night Luxury Resort Stay instantly at our fixed 'Buy-It-Now' price. 100% of proceeds go directly to our foundation."

- **Financial Result:** Locks in early cash flow and engages supporters outside the physical event room.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is our charity at risk of losing money by accepting these resort assets?

A: No. ARG filters incoming donor applications to accept only blue-chip resort properties with verified value. The models in this Playbook ensure you have a clear strategy to convert the asset into cash immediately.

Q: How does the donor receive their tax deduction?

A: Donors receive a same-year tax deduction based on an independent Fair Market Value (FMV) appraisal conducted in full compliance with IRS guidelines.

Q: Does ARG charge our charity any fees or take a cut of our event proceeds?

A: No. ARG provides the advisory framework and Playbook at no cost to the non-profit. 100% of the funds generated from these assets remain with your organization.

Q: Does ARG run our auction or manage event travel concierge?

A: No. Your development team handles your event and donor outreach using the templates provided in this Playbook. Once the asset is monetized, the winner or donor receives direct instructions for fulfilling their stay.

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