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## AACF Announces Michael Skolnick as YANG Liaison



**Sacramento, Calif. – May 19, 2026 –** [The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation \(AACF\)](#) is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Skolnick, Key Account Manager at [Highline Warren](#), as the Foundation's official liaison to the [Young Auto Care Network Group \(YANG\)](#).

In this new role, Skolnick will help strengthen the connection between AACF and the next generation of aftermarket professionals by increasing awareness of the Foundation's mission, encouraging industry engagement, and supporting collaborative initiatives that give back to aftermarket families in need.

YANG, a community of the Auto Care Association made up of professionals under the age of 40, has become an important partner to AACF through initiatives like the #YANGGivesBack campaign and the promotion of the AACF Aftermarket Hearts Giving Circle program.

"Mike represents exactly the kind of energy and leadership that will help move both AACF and our industry forward," said John Kairys, Executive Director of AACF. "As our first-ever YANG Liaison, he brings a fresh perspective and a strong connection to the next generation entering the aftermarket. We're excited to work more closely with younger professionals and emerging leaders, better understand what matters most to them, and create more opportunities for involvement, awareness, and giving back across the industry."

As liaison, Skolnick will work closely with AACF leadership and YANG members to identify new opportunities for volunteerism, fundraising, awareness campaigns, and industry engagement throughout the year.

"I'm honored to serve as the liaison between YANG and AACF," said Skolnick. "AACF provides real help to people in our industry when they need it most, and I'm excited to help introduce more young professionals to the Foundation's mission and ways they can get involved."

AACF has provided financial assistance to individuals and families in the automotive aftermarket facing unexpected hardship due to medical emergencies, natural disasters, accidents, and other crises since 1959.

For more information about AACF, contact Misty Walker at [Misty@AftermarketCharity.org](mailto:Misty@AftermarketCharity.org).

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***About the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF)***

The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) has been helping aftermarket families turn tragedy into triumph since 1959. Like the industry, AACF is driven by passion and devoted to family. It's tough to ask for help, but when someone in the aftermarket family faces profound circumstances, AACF is there when it seems like there's nowhere else to turn. As a nonprofit, this is accomplished through the support of generous donors, awareness partners and dedicated volunteers. To learn more, visit <https://www.aftermarketcharity.org>.

***About the Young Auto Care Network Group (YANG)***

The Young Auto Care Network Group (YANG) program provides auto care professionals under the age of 40 the opportunity to network with industry peers, enhance knowledge and improve leadership capabilities. YANG was formed with a desire to help young professionals establish a circle of peers to grow with alongside their careers. Participants are future executive level staffers of the auto care industry that see the value in establishing connections with other young professionals that will one day be business owners and key decision makers. To learn more, visit [www.autocare.org/yang](http://www.autocare.org/yang).