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## AACF Announces Automotive Parts Headquarters Inc. as Humanitarian Award Recipient at MEMA Vision Conference



Sacramento, Calif. – April 16, 2026 – [The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation \(AACF\)](#), proudly announced [Automotive Parts Headquarters Inc. \(APH\)](#) as the recipient of its Humanitarian Award during a special presentation at the [MEMA Vision Conference](#).

The award recognizes individuals and organizations in the automotive aftermarket who demonstrate outstanding compassion, generosity, and service to others. APH was selected from a highly competitive group of nominees representing the very best of the industry's commitment to giving back.

The award was presented on stage to Corey Bartlett, President & CEO on behalf of APH by Jon Owens, AACF President, alongside Joe Stephen of [NEXUS North America](#), and John Kairys, AACF Executive Director. Corey and his brother, Lee, thanked the audience with a [video greeting](#).

“Automotive Parts Headquarters truly represents the heart of the aftermarket,” said Owens. “Their commitment to helping others and bringing people together to make a meaningful impact is an inspiration to us all.”

APH was recognized for its longstanding dedication to community impact, including leading a highly successful annual fundraiser supporting adults with disabilities. Through its efforts—alongside supplier partners and the Bartlett family—APH has helped raise more than \$3.2 million over the past 13 years, with a record-breaking \$482,000 raised in 2025 alone.

Proceeds from these efforts benefit WACOSA, a Minnesota-based nonprofit that empowers adults with disabilities to gain skills, find meaningful employment, and thrive within their communities. APH's leadership and collaborative approach have helped expand opportunities for hundreds of individuals each year.

“We are honored to receive this award from AACF,” said Bartlett. “It’s fantastic recognition for the entire APH team and our supplier partners, who have been incredibly generous in helping support the communities that we serve. Giving back is important to us, and we’re proud to be part of an industry that cares so deeply about helping others.”

The AACF Humanitarian Award is made possible through the support of NEXUS North America, whose partnership helps shine a light on the people and organizations making a difference across the aftermarket.

“At NEXUS, we believe the strength of our industry lies in how we support one another here in North America and around the globe,” said Stephen. “Automotive Parts Headquarters is a powerful example of that commitment in action, and we’re honored to help recognize their incredible impact through this award.”

AACF also extended its appreciation to all nominees, noting that the selection process reflected the strength, compassion, and generosity that define the automotive aftermarket community.

For more information about AACF or the Humanitarian Award, 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 [www.AftermarketCharity.org](http://www.AftermarketCharity.org).

#### **About NEXUS Automotive International**

Established in 2014 by CEO Gaël Escribe, NEXUS Automotive International, the Automotive Aftermarket (AA) company, is shaping the future of the automotive aftermarket.

Thanks to an entrepreneurial, innovative and agile mindset, N! disrupts the industry, bringing innovative solutions for a more sustainable, digital and connected mobility. At the same time, it supports its community of more than 475 members in 145 countries, allied with 92 global suppliers, by providing services to accelerate their growth.

N! is offering new approaches and new ideas for a connected, global and consolidated world of tomorrow to accelerate the success of car and heavy-duty spare parts and services distributors and manufacturers, through 16 regional structures that connect them.

NEXUS’ consolidated turnover was more than 53 billion euros in 2025.

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#### **About NEXUS North America**

Established in 2015, NEXUS North America is a regional NEXUS entity with Distributor Members located in USA, Canada and Mexico. The Members within NEXUS North America are APA/TruStar, APSG – ProntoNetwork & Federated, VIPAR Heavy Duty/Power Heavy Duty, Advance Auto Parts, CDO - Refaccionaria California and Uni-Select.

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