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AACF Names Humanitarian Award Recipient; Honoree to Be Revealed at MEMA Vision Conference



Sacramento, Calif. – March 24, 2026 – [The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation \(AACF\)](#), a 501(c)(3) organization supporting individuals and families in the aftermarket industry, has completed the selection process for its Humanitarian Award, with the recipient set to be officially announced during the upcoming [MEMA Vision Conference](#) on April 15th.

The award recognizes individuals, organizations, or groups within the aftermarket who demonstrate exceptional compassion, generosity, and service to others. This year’s nominations highlighted remarkable stories of individuals across the industry who consistently go above and beyond to support their communities and help those in need.

After careful review by the selection committee, a recipient has been chosen from a strong group of nominees representing many different areas of the aftermarket.

“The nominations we received were once again incredibly inspiring and made our decision very difficult and yet tremendously fulfilling,” said Jon Owens, President of AACF. “The stories shared through this process remind us that the automotive aftermarket is a community that truly cares and shows up for one another.”

The Humanitarian Award is sponsored by [NEXUS North America](#), whose partnership helps recognize and elevate those who are making a meaningful impact throughout this great industry.

“The aftermarket has a long tradition of supporting others and giving back,” said Joe Stephan, Vice President, Sales & Business Development at NEXUS. “We are honored to partner with AACF for a second year in recognizing individuals whose actions reflect the compassion and generosity that define this industry.”

AACF also expressed appreciation to everyone who submitted nominations, noting that each story represented the spirit of service that continues to make the aftermarket a unique and supportive community.

The recipient will be formally revealed and honored at the MEMA Vision Conference in Dearborn, Michigan, where industry leaders and partners will gather to celebrate the contributions of those who exemplify the heart of the aftermarket.

As a nonprofit dedicated exclusively to helping aftermarket professionals and their families during times of crisis, AACF continues to provide critical support across the industry. In 2026 alone, the foundation has already distributed more than \$200,000 in financial assistance to individuals and families facing medical emergencies, natural disasters, accidents, and other life-changing hardships.

For more information about AACF or the Humanitarian Award, contact Misty Walker at 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.

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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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 - Refaccionaría California and Uni-Select.

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