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AACF Celebrates Over \$70,000 Raised at IMDA Convention & Trade Show in Savannah



John Kairys, Jeff Genuario & Ron Genuario

Sacramento, Calif. – April 28, 2026 – The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) is proud to announce that more than \$70,000 was raised during the [Independent Midas Dealers Association \(IMDA\) Convention & Trade Show 2026](#), held April 19–21 in Savannah, Georgia, as [Midas](#) celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Marking the second consecutive year that AACF was selected as the event’s official charity, the overwhelming support from Midas and IMDA members highlights the deep commitment within the aftermarket industry to care for its own.

“We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from Midas and the IMDA community in welcoming AACF back for a second year,” said John Kairys,

Executive Director of AACF. “The opportunity to be part of this event and connect directly with franchisees, leadership, and partners is invaluable. It speaks volumes about the culture of this organization and the genuine commitment to supporting one another across the industry.”

Throughout the event, IMDA members, franchisees, suppliers, and corporate partners visited the AACF booth to learn more about the Foundation’s mission, contribute donations, and participate in prize drawings. The event also provided a meaningful platform for AACF leadership to connect directly with those who make up the Midas network.

John Kairys joined Jeff Genuario, incoming IMDA President, and Adam Stranik, outgoing IMDA President, on stage to share the Foundation’s impact and highlight real stories of individuals and families supported through AACF.

“As we celebrate 70 years of Midas, it’s important to recognize the people behind our success,” said Genuario. “Supporting AACF allows us to extend that commitment beyond the shop and into the lives of our teammates and their families when they need it most.”

Stranik added, “The automotive aftermarket is built on strong relationships, and AACF plays a critical role in supporting those within our industry facing unexpected hardship. We’re proud to continue this partnership and to see the incredible generosity of IMDA members make a real difference.”

The funds raised during the event will directly support aftermarket professionals and their families facing life-changing challenges such as medical emergencies, natural disasters, and catastrophic events.

“The generosity shown throughout this event speaks volumes about the character of this industry, and partnering with AACF allows us to extend that support beyond the shop and into the lives of those who need it most,” said Lenny Valentino Jr., Midas President and COO. “Our commitment doesn’t end here,” he continued. “We’ll continue supporting AACF and the people who depend on it today and always.”

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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.