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Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation

The AACF was founded in 1959 to assist automotive aftermarket members and their families who, due to catastrophic illness or terrible accident, have exhausted all other available resources in maintaining a reasonable existence.

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TIMOTHY'S STORY



Timothy & Susan

We are Timothy and Susan, long-time residents of Paradise, Ca. and survivors of the recent "Camp Fire" on November 8, 2018. After losing our home, our possessions, and Sue's job; and with our entire town wiped out in a single day, we were forced to leave the area and landed temporarily at a family member's home in Pleasanton, Ca.



Front of the Huggins House

Within a week, my employer, Brake Parts Supply in Chico, CA called me and told me about AACF, the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation which assists aftermarket members in need. It was AACF who initially contacted them. After filling out a simple application, a generous check was mailed out to us. Still reeling from the shock of the situation, we were amazed at the generosity and quickness of this assistance. It truly was a ray of hope and a Godsend sent at a time when it was urgently needed.

Due to an overwhelmed postal system, our check did not arrive and was presumed lost. Without question or additional stress, AACF issued us another check, and sent it to our subsequent temporary housing in Biggs, CA.

Through the shock of this devastating wildfire and the enormity of what we are all facing, it was so relieving to see how many people and entities really care about all of us. People we don't even know.

We are so grateful. We thank the Foundation for being there for us so readily, and with such compassion. It truly did make a huge difference in our ability to move forward during such a difficult time. We will never forget.

God Bless

Timothy and Susan

Upcoming Events

Feb 27 - 28

Women in Auto Care Leadership Conference | New Orleans, LA

March 8

SBN Meetup at the Keystone BIG Show Grapevine, Texas

March 28 - 30

MATS (Mid-America Trucking Show) Kentucky Exposition Center Louisville, KY

April 1 - 4

2019 AASA Vision Conference Dearborn, Michigan

How You Can Help

We are the only charity that enables you to help members of our industry that have nowhere else to turn. The work of the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) is done by volunteers and a small staff, so our overhead is minimal. The AACF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations to AACF are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Mail your donation to:

AACF

PO Box 864520

Orlando, FL 32886-4520

Online: www.AACFi.org/donate-today





Jon Owens
National Sales Manager, Epicor Software

*"He who has never denied himself for the sake of giving, has but glanced at the joys of charity."
- Ann Swetchine*

"We have had a very positive experience when dealing with the AACF. The response time has been very quick and we are very grateful for all the help they have given to our employees during this time of need in their lives. Thanks!"

- Melissa Johnson
Human Resources Manager
Tri-States Automotive Warehouse,
Inc.

Member Spotlight - Jon Owens

A little about your career:

I am currently the National Sales Manager for Epicor Software's Aftermarket Industry Data & Analytics business. I've been with Epicor for nearly two (2) years now, and have worked in the automotive aftermarket industry for 33 awesome, fun, wonderful years!

How did you first get involved with AACF:

I was a Group Publisher with the industry trade publication leader, Babcox Media back in 2004 and had done some work with various Board members in an effort to publicize the Foundation and draw more attention to it. I provided free publicity via interviews and announcements, and took a deep interest in the cause of the Foundation and the integrity of its' efforts, as well as the passion of the Board members themselves. It was inspiring, and was delighted to be asked to join. I jumped right in and have served the Foundation ever since.

Why does giving back to AACF means so much to you?

For me it's a very simple and fundamental thing. I enjoy and find great comfort, security and hope in daily prayer, and one aspect of my prayers is asking God to direct and guide me to use all that He has blessed me with to help and serve those in need any way I can. To me, the Foundation represents an answer to my prayers. It provides me an opportunity to fulfill Gods plan for me.

Anything else you would like to say about the Foundation:

It's difficult to express how much the Foundation means to me. Community service, Industry service, friendships, inspiration, memories, assistance, daily smiles.....my work with the Foundation enables me to check these boxes every day. Every action we take is set against our goal of helping those who need it most. No wasted movement.....just get the job done and help those in need. How cool is that? We are singularly focused on helping those in need - hopefully, right when they need it most - across the landscape of our industry. What a blessing! What else is there to say?

AACF Board News

Murray Sullivan (National Pronto) retired from the board of trustees after serving for over 7 years. Jon Owens (Epicor Software) has stepped up and taken Murray's place as chairman of the Revenue Growth committee.

Thank you Murray for serving the industry and giving the Foundation so much of your time and passion in helping those in our industry family.

We also welcome Mike Peace (National Pronto) to our Board of Trustees.

Partner Spotlight - Grease Monkey

I first learned about AACF from Jeff Helfrich's contact at TBC. He connected me with Joel Ayres, the Executive Director for the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation. I found Joel to be extremely genuine and compassionate toward our industry and its employees. He walked me through everything from the application to the approval process. Joel also introduced me to Misty Walker, another wonderfully kind and caring team member who works with the recipients and helps them through the process.

Within a short period of time and after establishing a relationship with AACF, we had our first team member who needed support. This individual had medical issues arise and was unable to work for a specified period without income. We completed the steps to be considered for assistance and it was granted within a couple of days. This occurred around the holiday season and it was such a gift for one of our franchise employees to receive a check that helped to get through a trying time.

There are literally no strings attached to this amazing organization. The only requirement is to be part of the automotive aftermarket industry. Of course, it is run strictly on donations but money is not even discussed when wanting to be part of the Awareness Partner Program. I would recommend this program and the team to anyone who cares about helping their employees or franchise employees. The support needed can come in many different ways, so I encourage anyone to talk to this group about individual circumstances. The review committee and all parties involved maintain the strictest confidentiality and are top shelf professionals in every way. I am so fortunate to have learned about AACF and have had the pleasure of experiencing the rewarding feeling of helping others.

Thank you, AACF for all that you do to give to our automotive community and its team members. I don't know how many people would face far greater hardship without your amazing support. Here's to a safe and happy 2019 to all and it's great to know that when challenges arise, we have a team that is a phone call away. And most importantly, a team I know....cares.

Robin Braidman
Director of Human Resources
Grease Monkey International, LLC



If tragedy strikes, it usually does so without warning. And when it does, the AACF is here to help. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact us through your Human Resources Department or call us at 772-286-5500. All calls are confidential.

Awareness Partner Program

The AACF Awareness Partner Program was developed so conscientious companies can inform their employees about the help offered by The Foundation.

A current or past employee may need the assistance that only the AACF can offer. By supporting its work you are providing a benefit to employees as well as giving back to your industry.

There is no cost to join. Simply share the information about our program with your HR Department and employees.

JOIN OUR PARTNERSHIP
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2018 Golf Tournament Re-Cap

The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) has reported record fundraising results from its annual Bob Schoeberl Memorial Golf Tournament held Monday, October 29th 2018 at Spanish Trail Country Club in Las Vegas, just prior to the start of Industry Week. This year's tournament set new records for number of participants and aftermarket companies represented.

"Unbelievable," said Andy Dudash of TBC Corp. and AACF Golf Committee chairperson.

"With the new venue this year, it was difficult to anticipate the response. Logistically, Spanish Trail Country Club is not quite as convenient as our prior venue, but we couldn't be more pleased with our turnout, and how wonderful this new golf course has worked out for us."

"Playing in the tournament is always fun and exciting," said James Fein, General Manager of Retail Stores – North America for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. "It's also a great networking opportunity, giving me a chance to meet other like-minded industry professionals who come together to support such a worthy cause. It's a privilege and an honor to participate and I look forward to attending for years to come."

"We've worked really hard to establish our tournament as a first-class, 'must attend' event," said Golf Committee member and President of the Board Lynn Parker. "With so much going on during Industry Week, we've had to carve out our niche among all of the fabulous industry events. I think these record results show that we've got something very special going on. Our new host, Spanish Trail Country Club has done a fabulous job, and we invite the entire industry to come out and participate with us. It's so beautiful out there, and it's a great way to start a very busy week!"

Prior to the golf tournament on Monday, AACF also hosted a Sunday night cocktail reception on the gorgeous patio of the Spanish Trail CC clubhouse, with live music, raffles, a putting contest and great food. On the day of the Tournament, AACF provides a breakfast buffet prior to teeing off and an awards luncheon afterwards. The grand prize raffle winner received an all-inclusive trip for two to Cabo, Mexico!

Diamond-level sponsors for the tournament were Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone, Interstate Batteries, O'Reilly Auto Parts and NAPA. Platinum-level sponsors were TBC Corp., National Pronto and Valvoline.

"None of this is possible without our premier sponsors," said Andy Dudash. "Our Foundation provides millions of dollars of support to help those in need across all aspects of our industry, and it would not be possible were it not for the tremendous acts of kindness provided by our premier sponsors that are among the best and most admired organizations in the world! These companies, along with the many others who donate as different level sponsors or golf participants, are the reason this event is such a success raising needed funds for those in need."

Individuals slated to attend Industry Week in 2019 are encouraged to start planning now to participate in this year's fundraising festivities and golf tournament, tentatively scheduled to take place on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 27 and 28 at Spanish Trail Country Club in Las Vegas. The Sunday evening reception and Monday golf tournament, along with all sponsorship opportunities, are open to ALL industry participants. Contact AACF Executive Director Joel Ayres at 916-628-0271 to learn how to sponsor and participate. To learn more about the Foundation and its cause, visit aacfi.org.

"Bounty always receives part of its value from the manner in which it is bestowed."

- Samuel Johnson

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THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Compassion on display at AAPEX/SEMA show week.

Many aftermarket companies showed up with big hearts in helping automotive aftermarket families in need with donations and sponsorships during Industry Show week. The week started off with the AACF golf tournament raising a record amount to help our friends, families, employees and peers in need due to a catastrophic event in their lives.

Nissan and Cooper Tire teamed up to donate a Nissan Kicks that was auctioned off with proceeds going to the Foundation.

During the week, three other major aftermarket companies and one industry individual stepped up to demonstrate the generosity and caring of our industry. AACF Executive Director, Joel Ayres was on hand to receive these checks.



At the Tire Industry Award ceremonies BKT Tires donated \$10,000 to AACF in honor of their Chairman, Arvind Poddar being inducted into the TIA Hall of Fame.



The following day Global Parts Distributors presented a check for \$4,650 for aftermarket families in need.



Next, long time industry veteran and AACF supporter, Don Smith (DCS Consulting) became a founding member of the AACF Champions, with a very generous donation to the Foundation. Don said it was his way of giving back to an industry that had been so good to him.



Finally, at the Truck Hero booth CEO, Bill Reminder and COO Kelly Kneifl presented AACF a check for \$10,000 in support of the work the Foundation has been doing for the aftermarket industry.



Grant and his wife before procedure.

GRANT'S STORY

I have worked in the automotive industry for most of my life. In the last 30 plus years, I have worked in professional racing including NASCAR, IMSA, SCCA Trans-Am, Indycar and vintage racing. Before being diagnosed with end stage kidney failure, I worked at a company that created fire suppression systems for professional racing.

After my diagnosis, my health continued to decline. I was unable to work and was so worried about our financial future. It happened upon an ad in the PRI magazine that advertised assistance from the foundation. The process of applying was quick and easy. Thankfully, I was approved.

After being on dialysis for 15 months, my wife was cleared after 14 months of testing to be my donor. We had our surgery at UC Davis on July 30th, 2018.

I am doing well and so is my wife. I am so grateful for support we were given from the Foundation. It really made a huge positive impact in our lives.

With sincere thanks,
Grant and Deb Ingram

About 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 to help put the tough times in the rearview mirror. As a nonprofit, AACF accomplishes its mission through the support of generous donors, awareness partners and dedicated volunteers.

To learn more, visit www.AftermarketCharity.org.

To donate, visit <http://bit.ly/AACF-Cares>.

To apply for help, visit <http://bit.ly/AACF-get-help>.

The AACF is a not-for-profit organization.

For more information:

www.AftermarketCharity.org

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