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AACF Welcomes New Executive Director, John Kairys



Sacramento, Calif. – August 2, 2024 – The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF), a 501(c)(3) supporting people in the automotive aftermarket industry and their families during the hardest moments of their lives, announces the appointment of John Kairys as its new Executive Director.

Kairys was most recently Vice President, Parts and Service Group for TBC Corporation, a recognized leader in the replacement tire and automotive service industry. During his 9 years at TBC Corporation, he also served as Vice President and General Manager of their Big O Tires franchise organization and as Vice President and General Manager of one of TBC's wholesale business units, Carroll/NTW Tire. His career in the Automotive Aftermarket spans nearly four decades and included executive roles at Cooper Tire, Pirelli and NAPA.

John has served on multiple executive committees and has been highly engaged in many philanthropic efforts, particularly those that make a difference by giving back to local communities in support of youth education and well-being. Additionally, he has served on the AACF's Board of Trustees for the past 3 years.

"We are thrilled to welcome John Kairys as the new Executive Director of AACF," said Jon Owens, President of AACF. "John's extensive experience and deep commitment to the automotive aftermarket industry make him the ideal leader to guide our foundation into the future. His passion for helping others aligns perfectly with our mission to support individuals and families during their most challenging times."

Kairys expressed his excitement about his new role, saying, "I am honored to become the Foundation's Executive Director and look forward to leading this incredible organization. The AACF's mission of providing assistance to those in need resonates deeply with me, and I am eager to contribute to its continued success and growth."

Simultaneously, the AACF is also pleased to announce that longtime administrative assistant Misty Walker, who has supported the Foundation in a part time role for over 9 years, will be transitioning to a full-time role as Operations Manager. "Misty has been tremendous in managing the administrative tasks of the Foundation. Her continued commitment and expertise will be invaluable not only to the Foundation, but to me personally as we expand our efforts to support those in need within the automotive aftermarket community," said Kairys.

For more information, 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 at www.AftermarketCharity.org.