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AACF Welcomes Tom Rafferty to Board of Trustees



Sacramento, Calif. – October 15, 2024 – The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF), a 501(c)(3) organization supporting people in the automotive aftermarket industry and their families during the hardest moments of their lives, today announced the election of Tom Rafferty to its Board of Trustees. Tom brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the industry, having spent decades in leadership and service roles within the aftermarket community.

“Tom has been a long-time supporter of the AACF and a respected leader in the automotive aftermarket industry,” said AACF Executive Director John Kairys. “His commitment to giving back and his deep understanding of the challenges facing our industry make him an invaluable addition to our Board of Trustees.”

In August of 2016, Tom joined EnerSys/Odyssey Batteries as Senior National Sales Manager, where his exceptional sales performance earned him two “Manager of the Year” awards. He continues to contribute to the company in a part-time sales role. Tom earned a BBA degree from Western Illinois University, and an MBA from Northern Illinois University.

Tom’s passion for serving the industry extends beyond his professional career. He has served on the Automotive Warehouse Distributors Association (AWDA) Board of Governors and Executive Committee, the Automotive Sales Council Board of Directors, and is a past Chairman of both the AWDA Manufacturers Advisory Council and the Auto Care Association Marketing Communications Committee.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Board of Trustees of the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation. It’s time to give back to the industry that I have worked in most of my career and one that has been very good to me. I’m looking forward to working with the AACF in assisting individuals and families in this great industry that are facing unexpected financial hardships,” said Rafferty.

For more information or to get involved, contact Misty Walker, 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.