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## YANG Top Golf Event a Huge Success for AACF

**Sacramento, Calif. – October 26, 2021 –** Having fun AND raising funds and awareness for an important charitable cause is the definition of a true win/win! And that's exactly what was accomplished recently as YANG (the <u>Young AutoCare Network Group</u>) sponsored a night of golfing fun at various Top Golf® locations around the country.

For YANG, their leadership was looking for a "splash" event to kick-off the renewal of their highly popular series of "Meet-Up" networking events after a lengthy delay due to the pandemic. The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) had an established relationship with Top Golf® after having utilized their format to conduct their annual golf outing in 2020 to replace the traditional golf event that was canceled as part of Industry Week events aligned with AAPEX and SEMA. "In speaking with some of YANG's leadership and various members, it was clear they were seeking a high-profile event to re-ignite their "Meet-Up" series and get people back together again, safely" explained AACF Executive Committee and Board member Jon Owens of Epicor Software. "We had huge success last year with the folks from Top Golf® and knew they could host an awesome event while accommodating the logistical aspects of nationwide availability and all safety precautions."

"We were so excited to partner with AACF and the folks at Top Golf® to execute this awesome event," added YANG Past-Chair Ashlee Arnold of Arnold Oil Company of Austin. "I'm so proud of our YANG members who stepped up to help coordinate this nationwide event, and especially proud of all our members who were able to attend and help raise funds and awareness for AACF."

Through participation and sponsorships, the event raised over \$15,000 for AACF while at the same time helping YANG reestablish their popular "Meet-Up" networking series. In closing, AACF Board President Larry Magee stated, "We are so grateful to YANG for choosing to execute this event in support of our Foundation. We can't thank them enough. Fundraising events like this help insure we can continue providing our service to those in our industry affected by illness, accident, or death and find themselves in need of financial assistance. It shows once again just how big the heart of the aftermarket truly is."

If you or your company would like to donate or has a creative idea for fundraising, please contact AACF Executive Director Joel Ayres at <a href="mailto:joel@aacfi.org">joel@aacfi.org</a> or call 916-628-0271.

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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.

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