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AACF Welcomes Gary MacCausland to Board of Trustees



Sacramento, Calif. – October 13, 2026 – The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF) is pleased to welcome Gary MacCausland, Chief Operating Officer of VIP Tires & Service, to its Board of Trustees. A longtime advocate of AACF, MacCausland joins the board as he steps into his role as President of the Tire Industry Association (TIA), replacing Debra Hamlin on the AACF board.

MacCausland brings more than 35 years of experience in the automotive tire and service industry, with the majority spent in leadership roles. Raised in an automotive family, he developed an early appreciation for the business and the people who make it successful. Throughout his career, he has focused on investing in his teams, developing talent and helping employees grow into leadership positions.

For the past 15 years, MacCausland has helped guide the growth of VIP Tires & Service, a 100-year-old, family-owned company now led by its third generation. His experience and longstanding support of AACF will bring a valuable perspective to the board as the foundation works to reach more aftermarket employees and families facing unexpected hardship.

“I am excited and honored to be part of an organization that is committed to taking care of the members of the automotive community and their families,” said MacCausland.

“Gary has great familiarity with the AACF, and we’re pleased to welcome him to the board,” said John Kairys, Executive Director of AACF. “He understands this industry and cares about the people who work in it. His experience and relationships will help us reach more families who need assistance. We also thank Debra Hamlin for her service and the time and care she has given to our mission.”

The foundation looks forward to working with MacCausland to strengthen industry connections, expand awareness of available assistance and help ensure more families know where to turn when they need support.

To learn more, apply for assistance or support AACF’s mission, visit **www.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 www.AftermarketCharity.org.