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AACF Thanks VIPAR and IMPACT Conference Community for Generous Donation, Support, and Strengthened Partnership



Sacramento, Calif. – January 20, 2026 – **The Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation (AACF)** extends its sincere thanks to the **VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies** for welcoming AACF to the most recent VIPAR Heavy Duty IMPACT Conference and for the generous donation and support provided by VIPAR Heavy Duty shareholders, members, and supplier partners throughout the event.

The generosity shown during the conference will allow AACF to continue providing critical financial assistance to aftermarket professionals and their families facing medical emergencies, natural disasters, unexpected tragedies, and other serious hardships.

"VIPAR Heavy Duty's support directly helps AACF reach heavy-duty aftermarket professionals and their families when they need it most," said John Kairys, Executive Director of the AACF. "The generosity shown at the IMPACT Conference strengthens our partnership and allows us to extend meaningful support across the heavy-duty segment of the aftermarket."

AACF and the VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies have a partnership focused on supporting the well-being of aftermarket families, and AACF's participation in the IMPACT Conference reinforced the value of collaboration across the heavy-duty and broader aftermarket sectors. With VIPAR Heavy Duty's leadership and the continued commitment of its shareholders, members, and suppliers, AACF can continue to serve the entire aftermarket industry with timely and meaningful support when it matters most.

AACF is thankful to the VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies for amplifying the Foundation's mission and for championing a people-first approach within the heavy-duty aftermarket. This ongoing partnership ensures that industry families are never alone when facing life's toughest challenges.

As part of its continued efforts to strengthen its presence within the heavy-duty aftermarket, AACF is focused on expanding awareness and building new relationships across the industry. This includes attending Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week (HDAW) 2026, where AACF will be connecting with attendees to share more about its mission and the resources available to industry families in need. Attendees are encouraged to visit AACF at the Innovation Interchange, located just outside the exhibit hall entrance on Level 1 of the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. AACF welcomes the opportunity to answer questions, share how the Foundation helps, and connect with those interested in supporting or learning more about its work.

For more information about AACF or to learn how to support its mission, visit www.HD.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.HD.AftermarketCharity.org.

About the VIPAR Family of Companies

The VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies is home of the independent truck parts distributors and service providers serving the commercial vehicle industry's full range of aftermarket needs. It provides its VIPAR Heavy Duty and Power Heavy Duty distributors and its supplier partners with value-added, channel-specific tools to best deliver world-class products, services and satisfaction to customers throughout North, South, and Central America.

For more information on the VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies, visit https://vipar.com/.