Earlier this year, **Kevin Keeshan** shared that he is ready to begin another chapter after 47 years in local news. He officially retires as EVP of News Editorial for NBCU Local at the end of this month to pursue new challenges and interests, which unsurprisingly focus on helping those less fortunate.

Kevin and I have worked together a long time. We first met in 1998 at KFSN in Fresno, where he was a first-time news director, and I was a first-time general manager. After a brief interruption, we reunited at KGO in San Francisco and then here at NBCU. It has been a real privilege to be his colleague the last 27 years.

Kevin is a true professional who has made a lasting impact on local journalism throughout his extraordinary career. He has unquestionably contributed to the trust people have in local news, and his work in consumer and investigative reporting has helped uncover countless stories, expose wrongdoing, and bring about change.

Since joining NBCU in 2012, Kevin has admirably served our division and our people. In addition to being a discerning and diligent editorial leader, he has been instrumental in the growth and success of key areas that distinguish our stations and deliver meaningful value to our communities and audiences.

Kevin led the establishment of the Consumer Investigative Center and NBC Responds / Telemundo Responde in 2014. The results of this program are substantial. Now operating at 33 stations across 23 markets, our consumer units have recovered nearly $92 million for victims of business fraud, theft and abuse.

As many of you know, Kevin is passionate about investigative journalism. He has helped guide and support the fearless work of our investigative teams, which have earned significant prestige. During his tenure, our stations have won 35 major national honors, including National Murrows, duPonts, Peabodys and IRE Awards.

Kevin was also part of an initiative that delivered the most advanced tools, training and resources to our weather teams across the country, including one of the nation's largest privately owned radar networks. Those investments have made our stations the most accurate weather forecasters in their markets.

Looking forward, Kevin plans to continue making a difference. He is now a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team in New York, which responds to fires and other emergencies to provide immediate relief to those affected. He will also be deployed nationally in the event of major disasters.

Kevin will also continue his longtime advocacy for consumers. He's joining the board of Consumer Action, a nonprofit organization that supports consumer rights and policies that promote fairness and financial prosperity for low-income and Spanish-speaking community members nationwide.

We wish him the best on these worthwhile endeavors, and hope he enjoys this well-deserved next phase of his life and career. Please join me in thanking him for his considerable contributions to our business and local journalism, and congratulating him on his nearly five decades of professional accomplishments.