KHOU 11 NAMES KATHRYN BONFIELD NEWS DIRECTOR

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HOUSTON, TX – December 10, 2024 - KHOU 11, TEGNA's CBS affiliate serving Houston, is thrilled to welcome Kathryn Bonfield as its new News Director. With an impressive career spanning over 30 years in local television broadcasting, digital media, and streaming, Bonfield brings a wealth of expertise and a proven track record in journalism to her new position. In her role, Bonfield will lead the station's efforts to provide high-quality local news coverage across all platforms to serve the vibrant Houston community.

Bonfield joins KHOU 11 after a successful 13-year tenure as News Director at WJXT in Jacksonville, Florida. Throughout her career, she has held key leadership positions at notable stations including WCBD-TV in Charleston, South Carolina and WFLA in Tampa, Florida.

Bonfield has made remarkable contributions that have reshaped news operations throughout her career. During her tenure at WJXT, Bonfield significantly expanded local news programming to nearly 60 hours per week across television and streaming platforms, ensuring comprehensive coverage of community events and issues on multiple channels.

Her leadership has not only enhanced the quantity of news available but also its relevance and accessibility to the community. Also at WJXT, Bonfield launched an investigative team focused on in-depth reporting and created a Senior Data Producer position to enhance the quality of investigations. She partnered with Jacksonville University's Public Policy Institute to host election debates and town halls, fostering civic engagement in the community. Bonfield's commitment to championing equity and inclusion strategies strengthened newsroom culture while ensuring the station's storytelling reflected all community members.

"Kathryn's leadership and commitment to high standards of local journalism will be a tremendous asset to our newsroom and the Houston community," said David Loving, President and General Manager of KHOU 11. "Her extensive experience across severe weather reporting, reaching audiences across platforms, investigative journalism and community outreach make her an exceptional addition to our team."

"I am excited to join KHOU 11 and look forward to serving Houston's communities through dedicated, integrity-driven local news," Bonfield stated.

Bonfield is a lifelong learner pursuing a doctoral degree in Organizational Change and Leadership at USC. A devoted rock 'n' roll fan, she has seen the Rolling Stones 14 times. As a baseball enthusiast, she aims to visit all MLB parks, with 20 already checked off. Kathryn leads an active lifestyle, enjoys traveling with family, and is recovering from Hurricane Helene's impact on her Gulf Coast home. She was inducted into her high school's Hall of Fame for career achievements.

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