Team CBS Philadelphia –

As some of you heard in this morning's staff meeting, after an extraordinary career dedicated to journalism, leadership, and service, Kathy Gerrow announced she will retire when her contract concludes in January.

This will bring to a close a remarkable 40+ years served solely in the Philadelphia market – a rare and wonderful accomplishment.

As many of you know, her career has been defined by an unwavering commitment to excellence and the essential role of local journalism in our communities. She began her journalism career with us at KYW, it's only fitting that she will finish it here.

Those of us lucky to be here during her tenure as VP of News know that it's never a dull moment. Kathy leads with her own unique style and impeccable use of the English language. And how often can people claim their last name is used as both an adjective and a verb? To say "I got Gerrowed" or "that's so Gerrow" can mean many things, from the highest compliment to the most humorous predicament.

Throughout her tenure as news director, she has helped shape CBS Philadelphia's news operation into a trusted source of information, guiding our teams through periods of tremendous change while always keeping our audiences and our mission at the center of every decision.

Through her leadership, Kathy has helped generations of journalists grow in their careers and serve our viewers with distinction. We have plenty of time to celebrate Kathy before her official retirement – including this weekend at the Emmys when she joins the Silver Circle! Today, I want to simply recognize her contributions so far. They have strengthened CBS Philadelphia's reputation, elevated our journalism, and helped position our news organization for continued success. I have no doubt she will continue to lead with the same unwavering commitment to this city and our team over the next 4 months.

And I imagine the retirement party will be epic.

Until then…it's all heart & hustle,

Kelly

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