

## WCVB's Maria Stephanos Named Honorary Chairperson for The Angel Fund for ALS Research

WCVB-TV anchor and media personality Maria Stephanos has joined The Angel Fund for ALS Research as Honorary Chairperson. The Massachusetts native is co-anchor of NewsCenter 5 at 7 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with Ed Harding and also anchors The 10 O'Clock News on WCVB's second television station MeTV Boston.

A highly-regarded local journalist with more than 25 years of experience as an anchor and reporter in New England, Stephanos joined WCVB Channel 5 from Boston's WFXT-TV where she was a news anchor and reporter for nearly 18 years. Before that, Stephanos was a reporter at WJAR-TV in Providence, RI. She began her career as a Statehouse reporter working for several local stations including WBUR in Boston. She has also reported for several NPR radio stations and WCBS Radio and WABC Radio in New York.

The Angel Fund is an independent, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, dedicated to supporting ALS investigation at the Day Laboratory at the UMASS Medical Center in Worcester. Stephanos will join The Angel Fund for ALS Research at several events throughout the year and will help raise awareness of the disease better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"We are pleased and honored that Maria Stephanos has joined The Angel Fund family as Honorary Chairperson," Rich Kennedy, President of The Angel Fund for ALS Research said. "She shares our commitment to finding a cure for ALS and we are excited to have her by our side as we work to find a cure."

A self-proclaimed "... 'homer' and proud of it," Stephanos is a native of Groveland, MA and a graduate of Emerson College in Boston where she received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in mass communications. Stephanos resides in Foxboro with her husband Dale and their children. She enjoys cooking (especially Greek recipes), playing sports with her family, and vacationing in New England "anyplace there is water."