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Nicole Johnson is an Emmy-Award winning journalist for PIX11 News. She has made it her life's work to report the news – local or worldwide – to the people, and her work has not gone unnoticed.

Ms. Johnson began her journalism career as an editorial writer for The Orlando Sentinel in Florida, where she attended Rollins College. She returned to her native New York, reporting for Bronx Net and News 12 throughout the tri-state area.

Ms. Johnson has covered many high-profile stories, including a notable account of Shannon Tavares, an 11-year-old Broadway star battling leukemia. The story gained national attention, shedding light on bone marrow donation and its importance in the African American community. More than 10,000 people registered to become donors after seeing her report.

In 2010, Ms. Johnson's story on domestic violence - "A Bronx Woman's Nightmare," forced New York State to improve its laws to protect victims. She was also a critical resource during 9/11, and was sent to Ground Zero for several days to provide coverage on the attacks.

Ms. Johnson is an active member of the National Association of Black Journalists and was honored by The Professional Network for Excellence in Journalism. She has received two New York Association of Black Journalists Awards and an Associated Press Award for Breaking News. The Network Journal recognized her as a "40 Under 40" in 2011, and she is a McDonald's Media Legend, a very high honor for someone her age.

An adjunct professor at Lehman College for the past three years, Ms. Johnson has been teaching Journalism to students, while assisting them in getting internships and jobs in the business. A resident of New York City, she is an integral part of her community as well, volunteering at local schools and with the Sickle Cell Foundation.

With the love and support of her beloved son, Parker, Ms. Johnson is still actively reporting on and to her community and the world.