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## **Frank Perez, Kettering Health Network's CEO, Announces Retirement**

KETTERING, OHIO. (May 6, 2010) Francisco J. (Frank) Perez, Kettering Health Network's Chief Executive Officer, announced today that he will retire on May 15 of 2011. Perez has informed KHN governance and staff of his decision with ample time for the transition/selection process to determine KHN's next CEO.

According to Board Chairman, Dave Weigley, "Frank originally informed the KHN Board Officers of his intentions earlier this year to retire in 2011 and we began the transition process by retaining a national consulting firm, Integrated Healthcare Strategies, Inc., to complete the succession/transition plan."

KHN's experienced leadership team will work closely in future months with Perez and KHN governance through the CEO transition process as they continue to pursue the corporate vision of transforming the healthcare experience for Dayton's communities.

Frank Perez came to Dayton in April, 1994 accepting a position as president of Kettering Medical Center. Since then, expansion has created the Kettering Health Network, recognized as one of the Top Ten Health Systems in the United States. KHN is a non-profit healthcare network with over 60 facilities, including six acute care hospitals, a behavioral medicine hospital, and a medical arts college. Patient care is provided by over 9,300 employees, over 1,500 physicians, and over 1,000 volunteers. The Network won the Dayton Business Journal's coveted Best Places to Work award three years in a row. KHN is the recipient of the nation's highest clinical quality recognitions including having four Top 100 Hospitals in the nation in the same year. The Network is named for Charles F. Kettering, the renowned inventor,

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and Network healthcare teams continuously strive to uphold his legacy of innovation. The Network is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When asked how he looks back on the past 16 years in Dayton, Perez said, “It has been the most exciting treasure of experiences anyone could possibly have collected. I have been very blessed in meeting and working with amazing, talented people accomplishing dreams that we dared to dream, but that all came true. I feel that we have significantly improved the environment for our healthcare teams and physicians and especially for the patients we all dedicate our lives to caring for. Our record of shared accomplishments stands for all to see.”

Board Chairman Weigley reflected on Frank’s many years of leadership stating, “Frank isn’t afraid to try anything, if he thinks our patients will be better served by the outcome. He never sits back and says that was good enough, we can rest now. He continuously pushes himself and the entire organization to excel no matter what we achieve because we can always improve.”

Before coming to Dayton Perez was President/CEO, North Atlantic Adventist Health System in Stoneham, Massachusetts; Executive Director, Caribe Hospital Affiliates, Inc., Bayamon, Puerto Rico; Executive Director, Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Perez is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and holds a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Health Sciences from Washington Adventist University, his Alma Mater.

Perez has served on many national boards including the American Hospital Association (AHA), the AHA Regional Policy, and the Institute for Diversity, among many others. Perez and Carmen, his wife, remain very committed to the Dayton community and plan to retire here. Perez has served many civic, charitable, and arts organizations over the years in numerous leadership roles. These include: Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Development Coalition Wright Patterson Air Force Base BRAC Committee, United Way of Dayton, Victoria Theatre Association, Leadership Dayton, Regional Transit Authority, Culture Works, Dayton Rotary, Dayton Ballet, Hospice of Dayton. He currently serves on seven of KHN’s boards and on 11 other boards and committees.

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