

Miguel Perez

Senior Vice President, Affiliate Network



As Senior Vice President, Affiliate Network, at Susan G. Komen®, Miguel Perez is responsible for Komen's global network of Affiliates. In this role, Perez oversees all aspects of Affiliate Network leadership and support, including Affiliate operations, revenue generation and communications. He also serves as the primary liaison with the Affiliate Leadership Council, and represents the Network within Komen's Senior Leadership Team.

Perez has long been involved with Komen, first as a volunteer for Komen Columbus and as a Race team captain, then by serving as that Affiliate's president from 2006 to 2009. He joined Komen headquarters in 2012, first serving as Regional Vice President for the Northeast and East Central Regions before being appointed to his current position in 2014. In 2016 Perez assumed the role of Senior Vice President.

Komen's mission to end breast cancer is deeply personal to Perez, who lost his sister to breast cancer. In 2002, he founded the Vicki Speakman Memorial Fund in honor of his sister. The fund provides support to Komen Columbus, the Young Survival Coalition and other crucial breast cancer work, research and programs. He has also served on the national board of directors for the Young Survival Coalition and has been a consultant to many breast cancer groups and organizations, all as a volunteer.

In addition to his extensive nonprofit experience, Perez has vast business experience as an entrepreneur and marketing and communications professional. He built and led two communications businesses and a nonprofit organization.

In 2010, Perez's volunteer, leadership and management experience came together as he took on the role of Chief Operating Officer of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. In this role, Perez oversaw all facets of the organization, and led the organization through several large transitions, including: a complete rebrand, restructuring the organization, creating a professional development program, leading the efforts to share groundbreaking research, and much more.

He has received the prestigious Jill Ireland Award for Voluntarism, awarded by Komen annually to one individual for extraordinary volunteer efforts. He is also a past board member of the American Lung Association of Central Ohio, and past member of the Wexner Center for the Arts 12 1/4 Council.

He has competed nationally as a kickboxer, enjoys running half-marathons, and is an avid fitness, wellness and health advocate.

Perez's personal life experiences, including losing two brothers, his sister and mother, inspire him to make every moment count. He believes no challenge is too big and "Nothing is worth more than this day." (Goethe)