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During the course of the last decade, under the leadership of Dean Perri, PPHP has made tremendous gains in size, scope and stature. Highlights include full accreditation for its public health component in 2009, a 175 percent increase in research funding, and a doubling of degree programs, including new Ph.D. programs in epidemiology, biostatistics and environmental health, a professional doctoral program in occupational therapy, and a bachelor's degree in public health.

Globally, over the course of this past decade, PPHP contributed to service and education in Haiti, India, Mexico, Nicaragua and Rwanda. In 2011, for example, PPHP cut the ribbon on its field laboratory in Haiti, with special guests Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. A number of major new research centers have opened in the past five years, including Cognitive Aging and Memory; Southern HIV and Alcohol Research; Statistics and Quantitative Infectious Diseases; Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation; and the Center for Respiratory Research and Rehabilitation. Equal access clinics have opened in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Clinical and Health Psychology. And HealthStreet, which brings together community members for live-streaming of conversations with health researchers, now has locations in Gainesville, Jacksonville and Miami.

In summary, during the past decade under Dean Perri's leadership, PPHP has truly become a vibrant environment for research, education and community service in a cross-cutting array of public health and health profession fields that make it a model for the nation.

