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Parish Government Employee Blood Drive Deemed Successful

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez announced this week Ascension Parish employees donated 32 unit pints of blood during the Department of Public Works Employee Blood Drive on Jan. 30.

“Our employees are always willing to give back and help this community,” President Martinez said. “This is a program that we continue to see as a success.”

Sherry Braud, donor recruiter for Our Lady of the Lake/St. Elizabeth’s Donor Center, said Ascension Parish Government holds employee blood drives on the fifth Wednesday of each month and the amount of blood units continues to climb.

“Every year we give out awards for categories giving the most units of blood,” Braud said. “Ascension Parish Government won “Best Overall in 2011” with 166 units donated, and they just missed winning in 2012.”

Braud said categories made up from the Greater Baton Rouge area include insurance companies, government agencies, plants, schools and more.

“Ascension donations continue to increase because they started out with 20 units at first and now they’ve grown to 32 and more,” Braud said. “Their highest donation total was in a month in 2011 when we collected 48 units. The numbers just keep getting higher and higher. We really appreciate them because they are a great group of people.”

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Ascension Parish Planning and Zoning Director Ricky Compton rolled up his sleeve last week and donated a pint of blood during the Department of Public Works Employee Blood Drive. Compton and other parish employees donated a total of 32 pints of blood.

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