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Local residents join the nation in surge of patriotism

Community responds with 'hope, faith and love' in wake of terrorist attacks in U.S.

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What follows is a sampling of comments from local citizens in the wake of the attacks: "We must lend total support to our country's leadership as we both respond to the tragedy and take steps to ensure that it never happens again. Don't think for a second that because we live in Chowan County that our lives will not be changed

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Chowan County residents poured into an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the wake of last Tuesday's terrorist attacks that left hundreds injured and thousands more dead. The drive, held at St. Anne Catholic Church, had been scheduled prior to the attacks but quickly became a way for area residents to show their support for the victims. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

Red Cross Blood Drive draws huge support locally

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EDENTON - When the devastation of Tuesday morning, September 11, raised its ugly head it was followed quickly by the rise of a united people. Around the country people left their homes, jobs, and the streets and descended upon

hospitals, churches, and local blood drive centers to pour out the only thing for them to give, their blood.

"People came from Corolla, Manteo, Hampton to give blood," says Susan Small, Blood Drive Chairman for the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross. "We had about 147 people to sign in. We

turned away another 50 or so because of the length of the wait and as the Red Cross ran out of donor bags.

According to Small the immediate response of volunteers was remarkable. The Lovin' Oven bakery provided delicious home-baked cookies for the canteen. Chowan Hospital sent Stephanie Nugen who was

supplied with juice, cookies, and chips to help make the waiting more pleasant.

"Donors and volunteers remained on site until well after midnight," says Small. "Ralph Clapper worked at the blood drive from 1p.m. until 1 a.m. Gaspare Misseri, owner of

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Rev. Jane Love First Presbyterian Church

"This is a time to be resolute in our determination to prevail."

Randy Pierce, Pastor, First Assembly of God



"We must not allow the senseless and hateful acts of misguided men, who have acted in the name of a non-existent God, lead us into senseless and hateful acts that will deny the existence and sovereignty of the one true God."

Reverend Ron Cava, Rocky Hock Baptist Church



"This has been a tragic invasion of American society. It is now time for all Americans to stand up and be counted on to do whatever they can."

Sheriff Fred Spruill



"I sat there watching ... the attack was unbelievable ... I'm still in shock."

Anne-Marie Knighton Town Manager

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