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Wintrust Financial Corporation 2014 Letter to Shareholders Available

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ROSEMONT, Ill., April 10, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC). Wintrust Financial Corporation's 2014 Annual Letter to Shareholders was posted on the Internet earlier today. It can be accessed at <http://www.wintrust.com/shareholdersletter2014>. Concurrent with the posting of the Annual Letter to Shareholders, Wintrust filed its Notice of Proxy and Annual Meeting with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It can be accessed at www.wintrust.com.

Wintrust will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at its corporate headquarters at 9700 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.

About Wintrust

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately \$20 billion whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Built on the "HAVE IT ALL" model, Wintrust offers sophisticated technology and resources of a large bank while focusing on providing service-based community banking to each and every customer. Wintrust operates fifteen community bank subsidiaries with over 140 banking locations located in the greater Chicago and southern Wisconsin market areas. Additionally, the Company operates various non-bank business units including one of the largest commercial insurance premium finance companies operating in the United States and Canada, a company providing short-term accounts receivable financing and value-added outsourced administrative services to the temporary staffing services industry, a business unit engaging primarily in the origination and purchase of residential mortgages for sale into the secondary market throughout the United States, and companies providing wealth management services.

Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Investors are cautioned that such statements are predictions and actual events or results may differ materially. Wintrust's expected financial results or other plans are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" and the forward-looking statement disclosure contained in Wintrust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and Wintrust undertakes no duty to update the information.

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