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Wintrust Financial Corporation Announces Completion Of CommonStock Offering

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., June 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq: WTFC) announced the closing today of an underwritten offering of 1,185,000 shares of common stock at a price of $28.70 per share. All of the shares were sold by Wintrust. In connection with the offering, Wintrust granted the underwriters of the offering a 30-day over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional 177,750 shares. Net proceeds to the Company, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, were approximately $31.7 million.

RBC Capital Markets acted as lead manager of the underwriters for the offering and U.S. BancorpPiper Jaffray, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Raymond James & Associates, Inc. acted as co-managers. A final prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained from RBC Dain Rauscher Inc. at the following address or telephone number: Attention: Syndicate, 60 South Sixth Street, 17th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402, telephone number 612-371-2800.

Wintrust is a financial holding company headquartered in Lake Forest, Illinois, with total assets of approximately $3.0 billion at March 31, 2002. Wintrust operates seven community banks that provide a full complement of commercial and consumer loan and deposit products and services through 31 banking facilities. Wintrust also provides brokerage and trust and investment services to over 35,000 customers, primarily in the Midwest, as well as customers of the banks, and provides services in several specialty-lending niches.

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