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Wintrust Financial Corporation Announces Second Quarter and Year-to-Date 2012 Earnings Release Schedule

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 16, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) today announced it will release its second quarter and year-to-date 2012 earnings after the close of business on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 and host a conference call on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time). Individuals interested in listening should call 877-363-5049 and enter Conference ID #11619767. A simultaneous audio-only web cast and replay of the conference call may be accessed via the Company's web site at (**http://www.wintrust.com**), Investor Relations, Investor News and Events, Presentations & Conference Calls. The text of the second quarter and year-to-date 2012 earnings press release will be available on the home page of the Company's website at (**http://www.wintrust.com**) and at the Investor Relations, Investor News and Events, Press Releases link on its website.

Date: July 19, 2012
Time: 1:00 PM CT

Listen via Internet: **http://www.wintrust.com/investor-relations/corporate-profile.html/**

Schedule this webcast into MS-Outlook calendar (click open when prompted):
http://apps.shareholder.com/PNWOutlook/t.aspx?m=54556&k=1A87A19F

ABOUT WINTRUST

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately $16 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, now with over 100 banking locations located in the greater Chicago and Milwaukee market areas. Additionally, the Company operates various non-bank subsidiaries including one of the largest commercial insurance premium finance companies operating in the United

States, a company providing short-term accounts receivable financing and value-added out-sourced administrative services to the temporary staffing services industry, companies 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 STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Investors are cautioned that such statements are predictions and that 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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