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Wintrust Financial Corporation to Present at Raymond James 37th Annual Institutional Investors Conference

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ROSEMONT, Ill., March 03, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) will present at the Raymond James 37th Annual Institutional Investors Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida on March 6 - 9, 2016. Wintrust management will make a presentation that is scheduled to begin at 11:35 AM, Eastern Time, on March 8, 2016.

This event will be webcast and may be accessed at **http://wsw.com/webcast/rj99/wtfc** or at Wintrust's website at **www.wintrust.com** by clicking on the "Investor Relations" link and then clicking on "Investor News and Events" page and then clicking on the "Presentations and Conference Calls" page. Listeners should go to the website at least fifteen minutes before the presentation to download and install any necessary audio software. For those unable to attend the live broadcast, a replay will be available for 7 days after the conference. There is no charge to access the event.

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately $23 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 150 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 out-sourced 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.

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