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Wintrust Financial Corporation to Present at Raymond James and Associates 29th Annual Institutional Investors Conference

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LAKE FOREST, Ill., Feb. 29 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq: WTFC) will present at the Raymond James and Associates 29th Annual Institutional Investors Conference to be held in Orlando, FL on March 2 - 5, 2008. Wintrust's presentation is scheduled to begin at 2:50 PM, Eastern Time, on March 4, 2008.

This event will be webcast and may be accessed at Wintrust's website at **http://www.wintrust.com** or at **http://www.wsw.com/webcast/rj33/wtfc/**. 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 30 days after the conference. There is no charge to access the event.

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately $9.4 billion whose common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq: WTFC). Wintrust operates fifteen community bank subsidiaries that are located in the Chicago and Milwaukee market areas. Additionally, the Company operates various non-bank subsidiaries including two 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 including broker-dealer, money management services, advisory services, and trust and estate services. As of December 31, 2007, Wintrust operated a total of 77 banking offices and is in the process of constructing several additional branch facilities.

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