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Wintrust Mortgage Recognized as the #1 IHDA Lender in Illinois for 2012

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ROSEMONT, Ill., May 22, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Illinois Housing Development Authority ("IHDA") presented Wintrust Mortgage with an award as the #1 IHDA Lender in Illinois for 2012. During the past year, Wintrust Mortgage funded 400 IHDA loans (\$32.5mm), which were originated by 61 different Loan Officers. Additionally, Jason Accola (NMLS #755894) of Wintrust Mortgage was the #1 IHDA Loan Officer in Illinois for 2012 by funding 119 IHDA units. Jason played a huge role in Wintrust Mortgage winning the prestigious award.

Many of these loans were originated through the IHDA Building Blocks Program which is one of many valuable options Wintrust Mortgage is well developed in originating, processing, underwriting, and closing IHDA loans.

Program Requirements/Highlights:

- \$10,000 cash assistance to cover down payment and closing costs
- Can use government and conventional loan options
- First Time and non first time home buyers eligible!
- Buyers must contribute one percent or \$1,000 of the purchase price, whichever is greater
- Can be used to purchase a one- or two- unit property within the eligible communities
- Buyer must live in property as primary residence

Eligible Communities:

- Belleville
- Berwyn
- Blue Island
- Champaign
- Chicago Heights

- Cicero
- Crest Hill
- Joliet
- Lockport
- Lynwood

- Maywood
- Melrose Park
- Park Forest
- Peoria
- South Holland

About Wintrust Mortgage

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