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Waterstone Mortgage Supports Habitat for Humanity Through Charitable Donation

Mortgage lender contributes to Habitat for Humanity's local Waukesha chapter

Pewaukee, Wis. (July 28, 2017) – As part of its local charitable endeavors, national mortgage lender Waterstone Mortgage Corporation has committed to support Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County through financial donations and volunteer efforts in 2017.

So far in 2017, Waterstone Mortgage has donated several thousands of dollars to Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the mortgage lender has recently completed a month-long community donation match program. To help more Waukesha residents achieve their goal of homeownership, Waterstone Mortgage matched all individual donations from community members to Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County, up to \$2,500.

Waterstone Mortgage Marketing Manager Ericka Smith, who has served on Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County's board of directors for several years, is currently the board president.

"Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County is an organization that Waterstone Mortgage is very excited to support," said Smith. "Our employees are passionate about giving back to the local communities where many of our customers live and work. Because we strive to help everyone achieve the dream of homeownership, we are also proud to align ourselves with Habitat for Humanity's mission to build homes, communities, and hope."

Continuing their support for the charitable organization, Waterstone Mortgage hosted a series of three "employee build days," during which approximately 30 Waterstone Mortgage employees helped construct local Habitat for Humanity homes. As part of the mortgage lender's benefit program, corporate employees are allotted eight hours of paid volunteer time annually to serve the community.

In addition to the build days, Waterstone Mortgage's Employee Engagement Team held a series of summertime fundraisers including a car wash, a cookout for employees, and a bags tournament. All proceeds from these fundraisers will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County.

Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County was founded in 1989, and supports Habitat for Humanity International's vision of creating "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." In the past 25+ years, the Waukesha affiliate has built more than 30 local homes. In 2015, the organization opened a ReStore in Waukesha.

About Waterstone Mortgage Corporation:

Waterstone Mortgage Corporation is an innovative, strong, and secure mortgage lending company that has maintained a reputation for exceptional service and competitive mortgage financing. Founded in 2000, the company has the ability to lend in 43 states.

In 2016, Waterstone Mortgage surpassed \$2.5 billion in annual loan origination volume. The company has been named to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* Top Workplaces in 2014 and 2017, *National Mortgage Professional Magazine's* Top 100 Mortgage Employers, *Mortgage Executive Magazine's* Top 50 Mortgage Companies to Work For, and *Scotsman Guide's* Top Mortgage Lenders. Waterstone Mortgage was recognized as an Ellie Mae Hall of Fame Award winner in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Headquartered in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Waterstone Mortgage is a wholly owned subsidiary of WaterStone Bank SSB (NASDAQ: WSBF) with assets of more than \$1.8 billion. To learn more about Waterstone Mortgage, visit www.WaterstoneMortgage.com.

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