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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. (November 22, 2016)** – In the season of thankfulness and giving back, national mortgage lender Waterstone Mortgage Corporation recently donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County.

Specifically, the donation was contributed to the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate's second annual Gingerbread Event. Waterstone Mortgage is sponsoring the event, which runs from November 29 to December 3, 2016.

The gingerbread competition raises money by accepting decorated gingerbread houses, along with entry fees. First place and "fan favorite" prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Student/Amateur and Professional/Corporate categories. All proceeds from the event benefit Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County.

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.

"At Waterstone Mortgage, we are thrilled to support an organization such as Habitat for Humanity," Smith said. "During this time of year, especially, we reflect on how fortunate we are. Through this donation, we are excited to support Habitat's important work and to give back the community as a whole."

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.

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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 42 states.

In 2015, Waterstone Mortgage surpassed \$2 billion in annual loan origination volume. The company has been named to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* Top Workplaces, *National Mortgage Professional Magazine's* Top 100 Mortgage Employers, *Mortgage Executive Magazine's* Top 50 Mortgage Companies to Work For, *Inside Mortgage Finance's* Top 100 Mortgage Lenders, *Scotsman Guide's* Top Mortgage Lenders, and the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Fastest Growing Firms. Waterstone Mortgage was awarded the 2015 Ellie Mae Hall of Fame Award for Outstanding Efficiency & Return on Investment and the 2016 Ellie Mae Hall of Fame Award for Exceptional Achievement in Business Growth.

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