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## WaterStone Bank Announces Donation Amounts for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giving Campaign

**WAUWATOSA, Wis. – 5/4/2021** – WaterStone Bank announced today the final donation amounts for its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giving Campaign. The top donation prize of \$30,000 will be awarded to Ignite the Spirit-Milwaukee after it received 5,372 votes from the community.

The final donation amounts are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ignite the Spirit-Milwaukee (\$30,000 donation) (5,372 votes)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Special Spaces Wisconsin (\$25,000 donation) (1,869 votes)

3rd Place: Tosa Cares (\$20,000 donation) (1,522 votes)

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Unity in Motion, Inc. (\$15,000 donation) (1,077 votes)

5<sup>th</sup> Place: One Hope 27 (\$10,000 donation) (907 votes)

"We would like to congratulate Ignite the Spirit-Milwaukee for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giving Campaign," said Doug Gordon, President/CEO of WaterStone Bank. "We thank all of the nonprofits that were nominated for making the quality of our lives better because of what they do for our community."

In celebration of 100 years of service, WaterStone Bank committed to donating a total of \$100,000 to five local nonprofits. Over 150 nonprofits were nominated by the community earlier this year. The five finalists were selected by WaterStone Bank based on the nominations received, and were announced publicly on April 1.

Members of the community were able to vote once per 24-hour period during the month of April for their favorite finalist. Final donation totals were determined based on the number of votes each nonprofit received. In total, WaterStone Bank received 10,746 votes from the community.

In addition to the \$100,000 donation, WaterStone Bank also announced ten "honorable mention" nonprofits, all of which will receive a \$1,000 donation: Amani Community Center Food Pantry, American Heart Association of Greater Milwaukee, Balance, Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center, Camp Hometown Heroes, The Friendship Circle, MATC FAST Fund, Milwaukee Jewish Day School/Repairing Together Program, Redeem and Restore Center, and St. Francis Children's Center. The WaterStone Bank Foundation donates over half a million dollars each year to over 200 local nonprofits. To learn more about WaterStone Bank's charitable giving initiatives, visit <a href="https://www.wsbonline.com/about/community-sponsorships/charitable-sponsorships">https://www.wsbonline.com/about/community-sponsorships/charitable-sponsorships</a>.

Any questions regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giving Campaign can be directed to <u>marketing@wsbonline.com</u>.

## About WaterStone Bank

WaterStone Bank, established in 1921, offers a full suite of personal and business banking products. The community bank has branches in Wauwatosa/State St, Brookfield, Fox Point/North Shore, Franklin/Hales Corners, Germantown/Menomonee Falls, Greenfield/Loomis Rd, Milwaukee/Oklahoma Ave, Oak Creek/27<sup>th</sup> St, Oak Creek/Howell Ave, Oconomowoc/Lake Country, Pewaukee, Waukesha, West Allis/Greenfield Ave, and West Allis/National Ave, Wisconsin. WaterStone Bank is the parent company to Waterstone Mortgage, which has the ability to lend in 48 states. For more information about WaterStone Bank, go to <a href="http://www.wsbonline.com">http://www.wsbonline.com</a>. Follow WaterStone Bank on <a href="https://www.msbonline.com">Facebook</a>, <a href="http://witter">Twitter</a>, <a href="http://witter">LinkedIn, YouTube</a>, and <a href="http://waterstone">Instagram</a>.

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