

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

December 05, 2003

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 5, 2003

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number 0-21923

Illinois

36-3873352

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(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

727 North Bank Lane  
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(847) 615-4096

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 5, 2003, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) announced the completion of its previously announced pending acquisition of 100% of the ownership interest of Village Bancorp, Inc. ( Village ) in a stock merger transaction. Village is the parent company of Village Bank and Trust-Arlington Heights that has locations in Arlington Heights and Prospect Heights, Illinois. Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release relating to the announcement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Note: the information in this report (including the exhibits) is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed a determination or an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: December 5, 2003

/s/ David L. Stoehr

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David L. Stoehr  
Executive Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

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99.1      Press release dated December 5, 2003.