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#### FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GETZ BERT JR** Issuer Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WTFC] X\_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 480 WAGNER ROAD 12/31/2005 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(,)	(21111)	Tab	le I - Non-L	Jerivative Secui	rities Acqu	irea, Disposea of	, or Beneficiali	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dispose	d of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	(D) or	Ownership
						Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
				(		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/31/2005		A	434 <u>(1)</u> A	\$ 50.575	7,048	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GETZ BERT JR							
480 WAGNER ROAD	X						
NORTHFIELD, IL 60093							

## **Signatures**

/s/ David A. Dykstra,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/04/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares earned for the fourth quarter of 2005 for services as a Director of the Company in accordance with the Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan approved by the Shareholders.

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