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WINMARK CORPORATION ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Minneapolis, MN (October 13, 2021) — Winmark Corporation (Nasdaq: WINA) announced today net income for the quarter ended September 25, 2021 of \$10,082,500 or \$2.67 per share diluted compared to net income of \$9,358,800 or \$2.43 per share diluted in 2020. For the nine months ended September 25, 2021, net income was \$28,330,900 or \$7.40 per share diluted compared to net income of \$21,731,000 or \$5.63 per share diluted for the same period last year.

"We are pleased with the continued strength of our business and the performance of our franchisees. Our sustainable business model continues to be well received by consumers in the communities we serve," commented Brett D. Heffes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Winmark - the Resale CompanyTM, is a nationally recognized franchising business focused on sustainability and small business formation. We champion and guide entrepreneurs interested in operating one of our award winning resale franchises: Plato's Closet®, Once Upon A Child®, Play It Again Sports®, Style Encore® and Music Go Round®. At September 25, 2021, there were 1,269 franchises in operation and over 2,000 available territories. An additional 39 franchises have been awarded but are not open.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), relating to future events or the future financial performance of the Company. Such forward-looking statements are only predictions or statements of intention subject to risks and uncertainties and actual events or results could differ materially from those anticipated. Because actual result may differ, shareholders and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

WINMARK CORPORATION CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(unaudited)

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ASSETS	<u>September 25, 2021</u>		December 26, 2020					
Current Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	37,569,100	\$	6,659,000				
Restricted cash	Ψ	15,000	Ψ	25,000				
Receivables, net		1,394,900		1,581,900				
Net investment in leases - current		3,884,600		8,687,500				
Income tax receivable		188,200		221,200				
Inventories		408,600		106,600				
Prepaid expenses		958,700		995,200				
Total current assets	-	44,419,100	_	18,276,400				
Net investment in leases – long-term		1,157,000		4,573,600				
Property and equipment, net		2,055,800		2,332,800				
Operating lease right of use asset		3,059,300		3,226,300				
Goodwill		607,500		607,500				
Other assets		416,900		435,900				
Deferred income taxes		3,256,200		1,890,700				
	\$	54,971,800	\$	31,343,200				
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)								
Current Liabilities:		•)						
Notes payable, net	\$	4,232,600	\$	4,236,100				
Accounts payable		1,988,600		1,769,600				
Accrued liabilities		2,918,800		2,624,000				
Discounted lease rentals		· · · · · —		1,096,600				
Deferred revenue		1,643,900		1,657,400				
Total current liabilities	_	10,783,900		11,383,700				
Long-Term Liabilities:								
Notes payable, net		44,434,500		17,632,700				
Discounted lease rentals		_		574,000				
Deferred revenue		6,849,600		7,050,900				
Operating lease liabilities		4,946,900		5,307,400				
Other liabilities	_	759,000		773,200				
Total long-term liabilities		56,990,000		31,338,200				
Shareholders' Equity (Deficit):								
Common stock, no par, 10,000,000 shares authorized,								
3,623,538 and 3,756,028 shares issued and outstanding		_		9,281,800				
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	_	(12,802,100)		(20,660,500)				
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	_	(12,802,100)	_	(11,378,700)				
	\$_	54,971,800	\$	31,343,200				

WINMARK CORPORATION CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

		Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended			
D.	Sej	September 25, 2021 September		otember 26, 2020	September 25, 2021		September 26, 2020	
Revenue:								
Royalties	\$	16,375,900	\$	14,210,000	\$	45,141,200	\$	33,188,300
Leasing income		2,266,200		2,695,800		8,351,800		12,040,800
Merchandise sales		704,800		631,200		1,980,300		1,746,800
Franchise fees		383,400		335,400		1,101,300		1,064,900
Other	-	423,100	-	404,600	_	1,267,300	-	1,225,700
Total revenue		20,153,400		18,277,000		57,841,900		49,266,500
Cost of merchandise sold		681,100		598,200		1,887,700		1,662,000
Leasing expense		358,900		510,900		1,410,800		2,443,700
Provision for credit losses		(55,900)		(339,600)		(167,300)		164,300
Selling, general and administrative expenses	_	5,380,100	-	5,009,700	_	16,287,600	_	15,719,100
Income from operations		13,789,200		12,497,800		38,423,100		29,277,400
Interest expense		(323,200)		(345,700)		(945,600)		(1,409,600)
Interest and other income (expense)	-	(18,800)	-	9,200	_	(7,100)	-	27,700
Income before income taxes		13,447,200		12,161,300		37,470,400		27,895,500
Provision for income taxes	_	(3,364,700)	_	(2,802,500)	_	(9,139,500)	_	(6,164,500)
Net income	\$	10,082,500	\$	9,358,800	\$	28,330,900	\$	21,731,000
Earnings per share - basic	\$	2.77	\$	2.51	\$	7.68	\$	5.86
Earnings per share - diluted	\$	2.67	\$	2.43	\$	7.40	\$	5.63
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	_	3,635,055		3,730,490	-	3,688,419		3,710,112
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	_	3,782,873	_	3,857,702	_	3,829,322	_	3,857,754

WINMARK CORPORATION CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended			nded		
	September 25, 2021			September 26, 2020		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Net income	\$	28,330,900	\$	21,731,000		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		328,800		366,700		
Provision for credit losses		(167,300)		164,300		
Compensation expense related to stock options		1,074,200		929,900		
Deferred income taxes		(1,365,500)		(1,251,000)		
Loss from disposal of property and equipment		_		200		
Deferred initial direct costs		(2,100)		(18,300)		
Amortization of deferred initial direct costs		18,800		89,400		
Operating lease right of use asset amortization		167,000		293,400		
Tax benefits on exercised stock options		249,200		602,400		
Change in operating assets and liabilities:						
Receivables		187,000		(278,100)		
Principal collections on lease receivables		7,452,200		11,418,500		
Income tax receivable/payable		(216,200)		368,000		
Inventories		(302,000)		900		
Prepaid expenses		36,500		(190,700)		
Other assets		19,000		34,200		
Accounts payable		219,000		257,700		
Accrued and other liabilities		(94,100)		(864,100)		
Rents received in advance and security deposits		(674,500)		(1,252,000)		
Deferred revenue		(214,800)		(630,300)		
Net cash provided by operating activities		35,046,100		31,772,100		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		33,040,100		31,772,100		
Purchase of property and equipment		(51,800)		(33,400)		
Purchase of equipment for lease contracts		(78,200)		(3,128,200)		
Net cash used for investing activities		(130,000)		(3,161,600)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		(130,000)		(3,101,000)		
				46,600,000		
Proceeds from borrowings on line of credit		_		46,600,000		
Payments on line of credit		20 000 000		(46,600,000)		
Proceeds from borrowings on notes payable		30,000,000		(2.607.500)		
Payments on notes payable		(3,187,500)		(2,687,500)		
Repurchases of common stock		(27,892,900)		(48,987,500)		
Proceeds from exercises of stock options		1,299,300		7,074,100		
Dividends paid		(4,234,900)		(2,029,500)		
Proceeds from discounted lease rentals				1,157,000		
Net cash used for financing activities		(4,016,000)		(45,473,400)		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH		30,900,100		(16,862,900)		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period		6,684,000		25,180,300		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$	37,584,100	\$	8,317,400		
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:						
Cash paid for interest	\$	884,100	\$	1,426,100		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	10,472,000	\$	6,445,200		
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The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the Condensed Balance Sheets to the total of the same amounts shown above:

Nine Months Ended

	Time Wonths Ended				
	September 25, 2021			September 26, 2020	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	37,569,100	\$	8,267,400	
Restricted cash		15,000		50,000	
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	37,584,100	\$	8,317,400	