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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **WaterStone Bank Hosts Back-to-School Drive Benefiting Sojourner Family Peace Center**

**Wauwatosa, Wis. – 8/2/22** – WaterStone Bank announced today it will once again be hosting a school supply drive this summer to benefit children served by the Sojourner Family Peace Center. The Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin.

Returning as the Sojourner Back-to-School sponsor for the third year, WaterStone Bank will be collecting new folders, notebooks, pens, and backpacks at all 14 branch locations from Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 12. Individuals interested in supporting the drive are encouraged to visit their local WaterStone Bank branch to drop off donations. Sojourner also has an Amazon wish list available for those who wish to donate larger items or donate virtually.

“The families we serve often struggle to meet basic needs,” said Sojourner President and CEO Carmen Pitre. “Providing school supplies for kids impacted by family violence meets two critical goals: setting up at-risk kids for academic success and easing the financial burden for survivors. We are grateful for WaterStone Bank’s commitment to strengthening families through education and community development initiatives.”

Each year, Sojourner hosts a Back-to-School Drive to make sure kids are prepared for school while they are experiencing tremendous transition. Sojourner partners with MPS social workers to ensure all Sojourner families have access to the supplies that will help make their student successful.

The WaterStone Bank Foundation was established in 2002 with the Waukesha County Community Foundation in order to ensure the bank’s ability to continually give back to the communities in which it serves. WaterStone Bank supports organizations that fall under its four core giving areas: community development, education, women & children, and veterans initiatives.

#### **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 <http://www.wsbonline.com>. Follow WaterStone Bank on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

**About Sojourner**

The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy and individual support. Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving nearly 10,000 clients annually. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Sojourner is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully. For more information, visit [www.familypeacecenter.org](http://www.familypeacecenter.org) or call the 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: (414) 933-2722 or text (414) 817-8100.

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