

***News Release***

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***Wilmington Trust Giveaway to Reward Clients During Upcoming Holiday Season***  
***Checking account promotion includes daily prizes through December 19 and***  
***grand prize of \$5,000 gift card, to be awarded in January 2009***

Wilmington, DE, November 24, 2008 – Wilmington Trust, Delaware’s leading retail and commercial bank, is helping Delawareans with a promotion designed to help ease the strain on finances during the upcoming holiday season.

The promotion, which began November 3, highlights Wilmington Trust’s many checking account options for both personal and business banking. During the promotion, consumers and businesses without a current checking account at Wilmington Trust receive \$50 when a new checking account is opened and an additional \$50 when direct deposit is added to the new account.

Wilmington Trust will also give away a \$500 Wilmington Trust Visa® Gift Card to one winner each weekday through December 19. Each time a purchase is made with a Wilmington Trust QuickCheck<sup>SM</sup> Debit Card, the user is automatically entered into the daily drawing. Each day’s winner will then be announced live on WSTW 93.7 FM, a Delmarva Broadcasting Company-owned radio station. The Wilmington Trust Visa Gift Card, available for purchase at any Wilmington Trust branch office, can be used wherever Visa debit cards are accepted, including gasoline stations, retail stores, and online merchants.

QuickCheck card users are also automatically entered into the promotion’s grand prize drawing for a \$5,000 Wilmington Trust Visa Gift Card each time a purchase is made through December 31, 2008. The grand prize drawing will be held in January 2009.

“The holiday season is a great time for us to say thank you to our clients and our community by providing special rewards and unexpected gifts,” said Rebecca DePorte, senior vice president of Personal Financial Services at Wilmington Trust. “We hope that this promotion will also help to increase awareness and usage of Wilmington Trust’s many checking account options and our gift card program.”

Wilmington Trust’s most popular checking account options for personal banking include Free Custom Checking, Value Banking Checking, and Monster Mile® Checking. Business banking clients can choose from several checking accounts designed especially for their unique needs, including Free Business Checking and Business Edge Checking. Wilmington Trust checking accounts have a wide range of features, including free On-Line Banking with bill payment services, free QuickCheck<sup>SM</sup> Debit Card, and many others.

This is a no-purchase necessary promotion. For more information and details about how to enter, please visit [www.wilmingtontrust.com](http://www.wilmingtontrust.com).

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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