

NEWS RELEASE**For Immediate Release****Westfield Bank Appoints Waltermire to Board of Directors**

WESTFIELD CENTER, OHIO – December 15, 2011 – Thomas Waltermire was elected to the board of directors of Westfield Bank on November 1, 2011.

Waltermire is the chief executive officer of Team Northeast Ohio (Team NEO), a privately-funded, non-profit organization which leads economic development for an 18-county region, including Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown, Lorain, Sandusky and Mansfield.

“I am excited to be able to help guide Westfield Bank into their next era of growth by focusing on strategic opportunities and business relationships throughout the Northeast Ohio market,” Waltermire said.

Thomas A. Waltermire is the former chairman and chief executive officer of The Geon Company (NYSE: GON, \$1.3 billion revenue) and PolyOne Corporation (NYSE: POL, \$3 billion revenue) both headquartered near Cleveland, Ohio. PolyOne is the world’s largest formulator and distributor of plastic materials and was formed when The Geon Company acquired M.A. Hanna Corporation in September 2000. PolyOne has manufacturing operations in more than 25 countries and markets its products in numerous others. Waltermire was CEO of Geon from 1999 to 2000 and of PolyOne until late 2005.

For 19 years, Waltermire worked with The BFGoodrich Company and its affiliates in multiple leadership positions contributing to their successes through financial, operating and strategic planning. During his time with BFG, Waltermire implemented ground-breaking project financings which enabled BFG’s expansion of its chemical business, BFGoodrich Chemical Group. After serving as vice president of BFGoodrich Chemical Group, he became president of the Elastomers and Latex Division, one of BFG’s specialty chemical businesses, and then rejoined BFG corporate to represent the company on Wall Street as vice president of investor relations. He then joined Geon as CFO when it was founded as a new subsidiary of BFGoodrich in 1993.

Waltermire was the founder of the Ohio Polymer Strategy Council and continues to serve as chairman of the board. Previously, he was chair of NorTech and the Alumni Association of The Ohio State University, a board member of the American Chemistry Council, American Plastics Council, The Ohio Business Roundtable and the Greater Cleveland Partnership. His current affiliations include the boards of The Cleveland Orchestra, the Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy, ideastream and Baldwin-Wallace College. Waltermire was appointed three times by Ohio Governors to the Advisory Board for Ohio’s \$1.6 billion Third Frontier technology initiative. Waltermire also serves on boards or advisory councils of privately-held companies in Northeast Ohio.

About Westfield Bank

Westfield Bank is one of Northeast Ohio’s leading financial institutions and rated five-star “Superior” by BauerFinancial, an independent rating company. Through knowledgeable banking professionals and the conveniences of online technology, Westfield Bank provides comprehensive commercial and personal banking services to Northeast Ohio customers and independent agencies that represent Westfield Insurance. Westfield Bank is an affiliate of Westfield Insurance, one of the nation’s 50 largest property and casualty insurance groups, represented by a network of over 1,100 independent insurance agencies. In business for more than 160 years, Westfield provides commercial and personal insurance in 21 active states and surety services to customers in 31 states. For more information, visit www.westfield-bank.com.

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