

**FIRST NILES FINANCIAL, INC.**  
**ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR END 2024 EARNINGS**

Niles, Ohio, February 18, 2025 - First Niles Financial, Inc. (OTCPK: FNFI), the holding company for Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Niles today reported results for the three month and one-year periods ended December 31, 2024.

The Company recorded net income of \$177,000, or \$0.13 per common share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, as compared to net income of \$342,000, or \$0.26 per common share, in the comparative quarter one year ago.

For the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company recorded net income of \$863,000, or \$0.64 per common share, compared to net income of \$808,000, or \$0.60 per common share for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Return on average assets for the three months and year ended 2024 was 0.46% and 0.56%, respectively. Return on average assets for the three months and year ended 2023, was 0.92% and 0.54%, respectively.

Net interest income after the provision for loan losses for the fourth quarter of 2024 was \$750,000 as compared to \$832,000 for the same quarter in 2023, a decrease of \$82,000. Net interest income after the provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$3.05 million, as compared to \$3.19 million in 2023, a decrease of \$143,000.

Non-interest income for the fourth quarter of 2024 was \$1.42 million compared to \$1.02 million for the same period in 2023. Non-interest income for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$5.00 million compared to \$3.61 million for 2023. The increase in non-interest income in both comparative periods presented was primarily attributable to an increase in revenue from mortgage banking activities at the Union Capital Mortgage Corporation subsidiary.

Non-interest expense for the fourth quarter of 2024 was \$1.92 million, compared to \$1.43 million for the fourth quarter of 2023, an increase of \$494,000. Non-interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$6.89 million compared to \$5.80 million for 2023, an increase of \$1.09 million. These fluctuations are directly related to the volume of loan originations and operations of Union Capital Mortgage Corporation.

Non-performing loans, consisting of non-accruing loans and accruing loans delinquent more than 90 days increased to \$913,000 at December 31, 2024, or 0.9% of net loans receivable from \$437,000, or 0.4% of net loans receivable at December 31, 2023. The allowance for loan losses totaled \$1.03 million at December 31, 2024, which represented 112.7% of non-performing loans and 1.0% of net loans receivable. The allowance for loan losses totaled \$1.06 million at December 31, 2023, which represented 243.4% of non-performing loans and 1.0% of net loans receivable. At year end 2024 the Association had no real estate owned which is unchanged from year-end 2023.

At December 31, 2024 the Company had total assets of \$156.4 million, \$516,000 less than at December 31, 2023. During the year, net loans held for investment increased by \$328,000 and total investment securities decreased by \$922,000. Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$5.8 million during 2024. Deposits decreased by \$4.5 million, or 5.1%, during 2024.

Total equity at December 31, 2024 was \$14.2 million, or 9.1% of total assets, compared to \$13.7 million, or 8.7% of total assets, at December 31, 2023. At both dates the Association exceeded all regulatory capital requirements.

The Company's annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the main office of First Niles Financial, Inc., located at 55 North Main Street, Niles, Ohio. At the meeting, common shareholders of record on March 7, 2025, will be asked to consider and vote upon the election of two directors, as well as such other matters as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournments thereof.

First Niles Financial, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Niles, may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements may also be included in press releases, such as this one, and other communications by the company, which are made in good faith by us pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

These forward-looking statements include statements about our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, that are subject to significant risk and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors (some of which are beyond our control). The words may, could, should, would, believe, anticipate, estimate, expect, intend, plan and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Except as required by law or regulation, the Company disclaims any obligation to update such forward-looking statements.

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**Selected Financial Condition Data**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Unaudited	
	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
<b><u>Selected Financial Condition Data:</u></b>		
Total assets	\$ 156,381	\$ 156,897
Loans held for investment	103,313	102,985
Loans held for sale	16,134	10,099
Securities (AFS) at market	15,145	16,067
Securities (HTM) at cost	1,250	1,250
Deposits	83,581	88,100
Total borrowings	56,448	53,070
Retained earnings	14,136	13,599
Common Stock and paid in capital	6,668	6,668
Total equity	14,167	13,661
Book value per share	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.08

**Selected Financial Condition Data**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	Unaudited 2024	2023	Unaudited 2024	2023
<b><u>Selected Operations Data:</u></b>				
Interest Income	\$ 1,952	\$ 1,881	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,709
Interest Expense	1,193	1,057	4,496	3,394
Provision for loan losses	9	(8)	(43)	125
Net interest income after provision	750	832	3,047	3,190
Total noninterest income	1,424	1,020	4,995	3,606
Total noninterest expense	1,919	1,425	6,887	5,794
Income before taxes	254	427	1,155	1,002
Income tax provision	78	85	292	194
Net income	\$ 177	\$ 342	\$ 863	\$ 808
Earnings per share – basic	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.60
Earnings per share – diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.60