

Funds raised

Coldwell Banker Gundaker's Highway 94 at Mid Rivers office raised \$3,000 to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis by hosting a charity garage sale and barbecue Oct. 1.

Shoppers purchased gently used items that were donated for the sale by Coldwell Banker Gundaker associates and their clients. Hot dogs and baked goods were also available for purchase.

For 25 years, Coldwell Banker Gundaker offices have hosted events that have raised more than \$1.5 million to benefit Ronald McDonald House charities. Each Ronald McDonald House location serves as a home-away-from-home for families with a seriously-ill child being treated at area hospitals, and provides support to orga-

nizations that serve the needs of children.

Funding assistance

A grant totaling \$15,000 was recently awarded to First State Bank of St. Charles by Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. The grant is part of the FHLB Des Moines Rural Homeownership Fund (RHF), which supports homeownership opportunities for families and individuals in rural communities.

This program makes funds available to qualified individuals and families to assist with the down payment, closing cost, counseling or rehabilitation of the property. First State Bank will be able to distribute up to \$1,650 to each eligible home buyer. For more information, visit www.fsbfinancial.com or call 636-940-5626.

