

### Early Learning Centers of Lubbock

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For the past 12 years, Monnie Landmon supervised the Professional Maintenance janitorial crews who cleaned four of the [Early Learning Centers of Lubbock](#) childcare centers, so she was very much aware of the condition of the buildings, plumbing, etc. In February, 2010, Monnie asked the board if she could raise funds to be used to renovate four centers. She had taken photos, written budgets for each center and prepared notebooks to use in fundraising. The ELC board agreed to let her fundraise within the ELC's guidelines. They expected that they might receive donations of \$25 or \$50. However, Monnie's dreams were much larger.

Within a couple of weeks, Monnie came back with a check for \$100,000. Shortly afterwards, The ELC received additional donations from several individuals, and additional large donations. In all, Monnie helped to raise over \$320,000 in donations from individuals in the community. They also received a grant from the Helen Jones Foundation for their renovation fund.



Monnie Landmon painting with children at a newly remodeled center.

Thanks to Monnie's fundraising, the ELC has been able to fully renovate four childcare centers with new carpet, tile, paint, plumbing fixtures and make many repairs. The ELC has also been able to abate the asbestos that was in Carver Early Learning Center.

As the renovations began, Monnie retired from her position as the Human Resources director at Professional Maintenance. She then volunteered full time, acting as supervisor for the projects. She spent 40+ hours a week onsite at each center, as their renovations were completed. It was not unusual to find her scraping paint from walls or cleaning toilets that were still useable.

Prior the project, Monnie had never tried fundraising before. She saw the need, had a strong desire to make a difference and talked to her friend Kay Davis, owner of Mr. Tom's. Kay encouraged her to give fundraising a try for the sake of the children.



**Monnie Landmon is a shining example of how we can all LIVE UNITED.**

Monnie has been a blessing to the [Early Learning Centers of Lubbock](#), one that they could never have imagined a year ago. They have learned that help can come from the most unexpected sources. She has taught all of us that if you can dream and have faith, then all things are possible.



Funding by the [Lubbock Area United Way](#) helps The Early Learning Centers of Lubbock aim to change conditions for the better and to meet immediate needs in the Lubbock area.

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