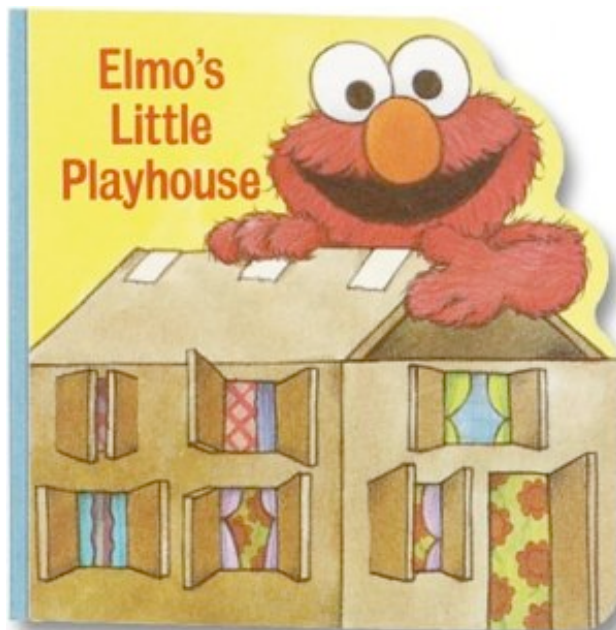


When Elmo's Little Playhouse came to life

Jennifer and her 4-year-old daughter Emily came to Partners in Housing Transition to select furniture. With the help of Kalamazoo Public Library, Partners provides books to children whom we serve. Emily had selected "Elmo's Little Playhouse."

As the furniture began to be carried into the house by KPEP workers, Emily asked our Executive Director Bob Small to read her the story. In the book, Elmo makes a house out of a cardboard box and then begins to make cardboard furniture.

First, Elmo placed a sofa into the house just as the KPEP guys carried in Jennifer's sofa. To Emily's astonishment, as Elmo placed more cardboard furniture in the playhouse, Partners filled mommy's new house with the real thing.



Finally, Elmo made the dining table. Bob asked Emily, "And where is your table?" At that very moment the workers finished bolting in the legs and turned the dining table right side up. Emily's eyes filled with wonder as a story book came true right before them.

This is the miracle that Partners creates over and over. Thanks to our generous donors in 2014 there were 234 children who received beds and did not have to sleep on the floor. All together, 102 families received furniture as they work to lift themselves out of homelessness.