

Two paths, shaped by suffering and sadness, were crossed in God's Power to produce a wonderful miracle. Ryan Skinner's life, from darkness and addiction to success and charity, coupled with my own ... cluttered with custody and messy court orders, abuse and hardship. My mom struggled to keep me at Saint Patrick School, Catholic education always a priority in our family. Deacon Frank, our friend and confidante at St. Pat's, connected us with Ryan Skinner, who wanted to make a true and lasting difference in someone's life.

That someone turned out to be me. My mom and I always prayed that I'd be able to attend a Catholic high school, but with our tight financial circumstances, scholarship money was our only hope.

Despite my straight-A record and perfect High School Placement Test score, Arlington Catholic High School would be unable to give me a "free ride". That's when Ryan Skinner stepped into the picture, and made the seemingly "impossible", a doorway to a free and holy education. Offering to pay the balance of AC's tuition (after scholarship money was applied), his generosity allowed for the light of God's Will to shine through in my life, just as it did for Ryan.

The saying goes, "Where there's a will, there's a way" ... but after this, I see the real meaning: "When God has a Will, He makes the way". So following the amazing gift that Ryan chose to pass on from God to my family, I'd say the rest is history. The future may still be to us a mystery, but my path is a little less rocky and a bit more sunshine lights my way.

Thank you, in good faith, Ryan Skinner!

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