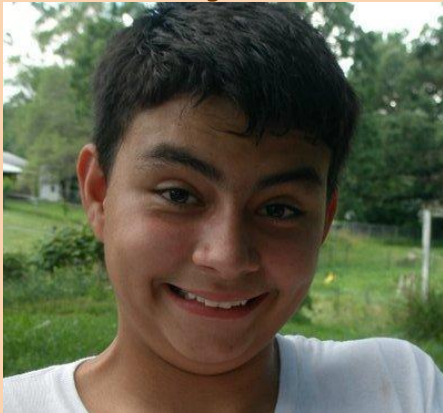


This is the sixth in an “occasional” series of articles highlighting the work being done by the charities supported by the **Stone Canyon Community Foundation**. Please take a minute to learn how your donations to the SCCF are being used by **Higher Ground**.

## **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS.....Rudy's Story**

During grades 3-5, Rudy went to five different schools, but never finished the school year where he began it. During these years, he failed every class and was constantly under disciplinary action. He was either suspended or had issues with other students that resulted in his transfer.

Rudy's mom suffers from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and was divorced when Rudy was six. After the divorce, her health condition worsened.



She remarried when Rudy was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and became dependent on the support of her new husband. As Rudy got older, his anger began to affect his mother and step-dad's marriage.

Rudy was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade when he came to **Higher Ground**. The recreational and mentoring programs began to change Rudy's attitude and outlook towards life. In addition, he began to learn how to channel and control his anger through sports.

Rudy successfully completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade at one school without a failing grade. During the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he transferred to a charter school and had no disciplinary issues. He just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade with straight A's! He continues to attend **Higher Ground** and now acts as one of the helpers. How different life is for him now!

Your generous contributions to the **Stone Canyon Community Foundation** help to change the futures of children like Rudy.



**Please attend the next SCCF fundraiser!**  
**Denim, Dinner an' Dancin'**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2011**  
**THANK YOU!**

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