

FINISHING EXCELSTILLMORE  
AN ENDURING LEGACY  
CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

I don't know about you, but I admittedly fall prey to expected successes and a "what's-next" mentality as I sprint too quickly through this journey with a pace that sometimes misses the chance to celebrate God's faithfulness. Can we increase our moments of pause in thanksgiving to respond to God's unmistakable hand moving through His people to accomplish Gospel-driven goals – goals that make a Kingdom Impact in our lives? The answer has to be "yes!"

With that in mind (and heart), I am incredibly excited to celebrate and honor our great friend John Rasnick. While we are excited to recognize the immense contribution that John had on the CVCA community, we are even more excited to **celebrate** with our community the powerful example of what God can do when you passionately follow Him and lead by loving and serving others as John did so consistently.

To honor John and celebrate what the Lord has done through his life of service, CVCA has chosen to name our new two-story glass atrium and Welcome Center the **John F. Rasnick Center**. May this Center serve as a physical reminder that we are all called to lives of selflessness, action, love, care, and intentionality toward making a Gospel-impact like our friend John. We can't wait to tell his life story to all who ask...as this building provides tribute to how God can powerfully use redeemed (but imperfect) people like us to carry the Good News forward in our world.

Just as John was welcoming and a friend to all, we believe this new space will reflect that same welcoming and loving spirit that was uniquely him. John's impact was profound, and it is fitting that we dedicate this space to a man whom many of us knew and loved. John will be greatly missed, but his influence and loving service will echo for generations in the countless lives he has touched.

John Rasnick's life inspires, not past tense. We all stand on the shoulders of those champions of faith that have gone before us. Let us celebrate what the Lord has done as we memorialize a life committed to following Him...and let us celebrate what God will do for His Kingdom in this new space at CVCA.

All to Him I owe,



Jason Spodnik '88

**"I have no greater joy  
than to hear that my children  
are walking in the Truth."**

3 John 1:4

CVCA lost one of its foremost champions when John Rasnick went home to be with the Lord on March 10, 2021. John's life-long association with CVCA began when he joined the CVCA Board of Trustees in the 1980s. His tenure on the Board stretched from 1988 to 2010, and during that time he served three stints as Chairman. Less well known is the breadth and value of John's influence during these years. He willingly used his considerable gifts and influence within the Akron area to move CVCA forward, while remaining acutely attentive to the needs of students and families within the CVCA Community. He greatly respected and befriended CVCA's teachers and staff members in a warm and welcoming way.

Every organization needs "champions," people who believe deeply in the organization's mission, who understand the difference the organization is making, and who use every opportunity to advance the organization's cause. Few have fit this description better than our friend John Rasnick. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy is secure, and the Kingdom impact he made lives on in the countless lives he touched.



**JOHN F. RASNICK**  
Friend of CVCA and  
Champion of  
Christian Education