

# Assistive Technology for the Elderly

The Assistive Technology for the Elderly (ATE) program through New Vision at Goodwill allows the elderly to have access to the internet without having a computer or smart phone. ATE provides free equipment and training to qualified individuals on the use of voice-activated virtual assistants such as Amazon Echo and Google Home.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the ATE program you must:

- Be 55 years of age or older
- Be a resident of the Roanoke Valley
- Have WiFi internet connectivity at your residence
- Be willing to set up an email account and an Amazon account (no credit card required)



New Vision provides Assistive Technology for the Elderly training and devices to those who qualify.

## Uses for a Virtual Assistant

A Virtual Assistant listens for your verbal commands and/or questions to provide you with the information you need. Examples of the types of things that Virtual Assistants can help with include:

- Medication or other reminders
- Listening to books/magazines/news
- Adding events to your calendar
- Timers while cooking or other alarms
- Music & radio programs
- Weather reports
- Alarms & timers
- Requesting phone numbers or addresses
- Alerting family/friends you need assistance
- and more!

## Tablets and Other Devices

Voice-activated virtual assistants are not the proper fit for everyone enrolled in the program. If your health, speech, or other circumstances make it difficult for the virtual assistant to understand you we will look at other options. Tablets with accessible features including higher contrast text, large print, zoom features, and screen reading features are also available through the ATE program under certain circumstances.

## For More Information

For more information on New Vision at Goodwill and the Assistive Technology for the Elderly program email [info@goodwillvalleys.com](mailto:info@goodwillvalleys.com) or call (540) 985.8900.



## Who Should Attend an ATE Workshop?

If you meet the eligibility requirements for the ATE program at Goodwill attending a workshop is your first step. Please feel welcome to have a caregiver or family member to attend the workshop with you to help fill out paperwork and/or assist you with the internet and other setup requirements.

After attending the workshop, if you think the voice-activated virtual assistant may be helpful for you, the next step is to complete an application to receive a device through the program.

**To Register For an Upcoming  
ATE Workshop Call:  
(540) 985.8900**

