

Tech Connect

Assistive Technology Across Generations

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What is Tech Connect?

- One hour sessions that are held twice monthly at the Soprema Senior Center.
- Individuals with disabilities “teach” seniors how to use tablets and devices, and senior volunteers “teach” individuals the art of conversation.
- Every session is unique. Participants from both groups thrive outside of their “comfort zone.”
 - Individuals have embraced practicing conversation with the seniors.
 - Seniors have responded well to learning technology, many for the first time! They are wonderful mentors and role models.

Why Tech Connect?

- It explores the use of technology to connect people with diverse backgrounds.
- Senior citizens and individuals with disabilities share their life experiences to develop new relationships ... and because it is fun!

What makes Tech Connect work?

- Technology is now essential to function in society.
- This is a daunting reality to those who are uncomfortable with technology.
- Pairing hesitant users with those who are more comfortable can have very positive results.
- Tech Connect uses technology to bring people together with very different skill sets.

Sharing the Past and Present:

- Everyone has a story and technology is a tool that helps them share their story.
- Technology is also a great avenue to help folks travel down memory lane.
- Seniors love this aspect of technology - sharing music, stories, photos, and other things from the past.

Collaboration:

- Both groups learn how to engage and work collaboratively.
- These two populations have not historically come together, especially with technology as the common ground.

Tech Connect Classes:

Typically held the *second* and *fourth* Thursdays of every month, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Soprema Senior Center in Wadsworth
(617 School Drive, Wadsworth, OH 44281)



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