
As Election Nears, Hadley Provides Voting Resources, Education for those with Vision Impairments

WINNETKA, IL (September 28, 2020) — This year’s presidential election is of heightened interest nationwide. And for millions of Americans over the age of 65 it will also be one of the hardest in which to even read the ballot. That’s because roughly 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65 every day, and statistics indicate that, if we live long enough, fully 1 out of 3 of us will develop some type of vision impairment later in life. In fact, the number of Americans with some form of vision loss is expected to skyrocket to more than 10 million in 2030.

According to Winnetka, IL-based Hadley, federal laws require that polling places for federal elections be accessible to all voters. Additionally, every polling place must have a system for casting ballots that’s accessible for people with disabilities.

“For many facing vision loss later in life, 2020 may be the first election they’re voting in where they can’t see the ballot all too well, if at all,” according to Julie Tye, Hadley’s CEO. “Hadley can help by pointing out the options available and how to access them as well as tools visually impaired voters can use to make casting their vote easier to do.”

As remote learning experts for the past [100 years](#), nonprofit Illinois-based Hadley has taken a leading approach to reaching a growing audience that is often difficult to reach, aging adults facing vision loss.

Following months of development, Hadley recently reenvisioned its online educational platform, [Hadley.edu](#) to include a wide selection of how-to video and audio workshops, live support from experts, and timely discussion groups on a variety of everyday topics - including resources for those with vision impairments interested in exercising their constitutional right to vote.

Hadley offers numerous resources for low vision and blind voters, including a new [podcast](#) featuring experts on voting issues and rights, as well as classes on using [hand held magnifiers](#) during balloting and elsewhere. For those who choose to vote at their polling places, Hadley offers an array of free instructional tools such as [Seeing AI](#), a free app that narrates and describes nearby people, text and objects, as well as Hadley’s popular workshop series, [Tips for Guided Walking](#).

About Hadley

The mission of Hadley is to create personalized learning opportunities that empower those with vision loss or blindness to thrive --- at home, at work and in their communities. A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, Hadley relies on contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations to fund its programs.