Joe Symons: Orcas Senior Center Superhero

The Orcas Senor Center (OSC) non-profit staff and governing committee recognize Joe Symons as its first OSC Superhero!

The very successful Buddy Check-In program was originally Joe's idea.

Since March, buddy volunteers have contacted 1,883 seniors, resulting in pairing 56 seniors with volunteer callers. As the need for physical distancing has continued, some enduring relationships have developed. None of this would have happened without Joe.

Joe brought the idea to the center, and he also brought the data and technology tools needed quickly ramp up the effort. Joe spent countless hours, days, and months working closely with a team of non-profit staff and other volunteers to make it happen.

Today, Buddy Check-in is a well-recognized program of the Orcas Senior Center. It is also truly a community effort with, as Joe says, "everyone contributing in a zillion different ways." But without Joe, it might never have happened. Thank you, Joe. You are our Superhero!