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# Spotlight on...

## Nana Jackson & Jenny Sommer



We often take it for granted that Rite of Passage medical staff will keep our youth and staff safe, healthy, and protected. But keeping COVID-positive youth engaged, hopeful, and upbeat during a pandemic? That takes a hero. Today, we wish to honor two such individuals.

Meet Nana Jackson, Medical Assistant. When a youth in her care reported feeling ill, Ms. Jackson leapt into action, employing isolation and assessment protocols while physically remaining with the youth to provide moral support, optimistic prognosis information, and her assurance that—though isolated from other youth—they would receive the best possible care and constant monitoring. When the youth was comfortable and calm, Ms. Jackson began educating other staff regarding proper, compassionate isolative care.

Meet Jenny Sommer, Licensed Nurse Practitioner. Without hesitation, Ms. Sommer cared for multiple youth in isolation as they awaited results of their COVID tests—a period of several days at the time. She helped soothe frayed nerves by donning appropriate PPE and frequently visiting the youth with hot tea she purchased for the express purpose of soothing their sore throats. Ms. Sommer's positive demeanor and constant monitoring (including mental health assessments) helped ease the understandable tension experienced by all youth in her care.

Thank you both for your tireless and dedicated work.

