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Spotlight

Jozef M.

**BGCGW Club Member
Culmore Character Club**

Jozef M. is a charismatic 10-year-old Club member who has been attending the Culmore Character Club for five years. He is a thriving youth, that continues to maximize the resources and development opportunities offered by his Club. Jozef's enthusiastic involvement in BGCGW productions of Disney's *The Lion King Kids* and *The Jungle Book Kids* has helped to develop his love for the arts and given him the confidence to explore new interests.

Ms. Mirella, Jozef's mom, stresses the importance of Jozef's involvement with the Club. "It is a safe place where he can learn, play, and grow," she says. "I wasn't the one who told him that he had to attend the Club. It was something Jozef asked for after seeing how happy the children who traveled on the Club bus looked. Jozef urged us to find out where those children were going. We thought he was too young; he was only going to kindergarten. However, the following year we enrolled him, and he was so excited to find out that he could start the very next day! Many thanks to the organization for all the opportunities and experiences Jozef has had."

