

## 4: Education/Citizenship Badge

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**BOB MBABAZI**, a 12 year old member of the BB in Uganda, loves playing the side drum in the band of his local BB Company where he has been a member for 3 years. Bob also enjoys singing and dancing, but many of the songs he learns, both at school and BB, have a serious message; letting people know about AIDS so they will know how to avoid infection. 'AIDS is a dangerous killer disease', Bob says, 'that causes people to lose respect for you as well as making you lose your self-respect'. Bob thinks that his signing is an important part of the BB – while educating others; young people can develop their musical talents, and above all, have fun!

Like many young people in Uganda, 11 year old **PAUL KWIZERA** is an orphan – both his parents have died of AIDS. The youngest of five children, Paul has been a member of the BB for 2 years. His favourite BB activity is playing the cymbals in the band, but he also enjoys English at school and is a member of the drama group. Paul's dad was an actor and Paul is happily following in his footsteps, performing plays about the effects of AIDS in churches, schools and other BB companies. He enjoys performing, but his message is a serious one: 'Controlling AIDS is very important. As so many young people have it from parents those who don't carry the disease are the only hope of the future if AIDS is to be wiped out'.