



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
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**Katy Perry partners with Boys & Girls Clubs; Shelton Club member gets called on stage**

**Shelton, CT September 30, 2017** –One lucky girl met Katy Perry onstage at her recent concert at Mohegan Sun, thanks to the world-famous singer and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). Katy and BGCA have joined together to help put millions of young people on the path to a great future; part of the venture included giving her fans a chance to see her live by showing their support of their local Boys & Girls Club. Our Boys & Girls Club was awarded 50 tickets for the concert at Mohegan Sun on September 21, and the show was the second performance of her brand new Witness tour.

At the concert, during a set which included planets and stars descending to stage level, Katy asked if any of her fans would like to help her wish upon a star. After searching the audience, Katy selected Gabriella Jones, a member of our Raymond P. Lavietes Unit in Shelton. Gabriella was wearing one of the special T-shirts we made for the event, bright pink with our Boys & Girls Club logo on the front. When Katy brought her on stage, she asked Gabriella to wish on the star and to tell us what she wished for so that we could support her in her wish. After a moment of thought, Gabriella responded, “To pray for all the people that suffered from the hurricanes.” The crowd went wild, and Katy noted that Gabriella had been “brought up right,” and with the audience, Katy and Gabriella sent love and support to all those affected by the hurricanes.

As part of the partnership with Katy Perry, \$1 of every ticket purchased is donated to Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The partnership was formed because Katy and BGCA share a commitment to improving the lives of young people through education, empowerment, and demonstrating good citizenship. Katy is one of the most famous singers in the world and is the most-followed person on Twitter with nearly one hundred million followers.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley has been changing the lives of young people in the Valley for more than 60 years, providing safe, fun, affordable programming and constructive care for youth when they are not in school. More than 3,300 kids in four units attend our programs on a yearly basis.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us at [www.BGC-LNV.org](http://www.BGC-LNV.org).

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Pictured is Katy Perry with Gabriella J.  
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