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LiveGirl and Boys & Girls Clubs Host "Dream Big" Leadership Summit

Bridgeport, Connecticut - LiveGirl and the CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Club partnered to host their first annual middle school girls leadership summit.

The "Dream Big" middle school leadership summit was held at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club in Bridgeport and brought together 75 girls from neighboring Boys and Girls Clubs including Greenwich, Milford, Naugatuck Valley, Stamford, and Waterbury. Keynote speaker Dr. Jackqueline McLean, CEO/Owner of McLean Smiles, encouraged the girls, "Find yourself a mentor, set goals, and keep pushing toward your dreams."

LiveGirl Founder and CEO Sheri West explained, "We value our strong partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs." West continued, "We currently offer our programs at eight clubs and will expand statewide in 2020. Our programs provide transformational personal development and equip girls with the necessary leadership skills to thrive and make a positive impact on the world."

CT Alliance Executive Director Don Maleto stated, "The Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to doing everything possible to ensure bright futures for our youth. We are excited to partner with LiveGirl to make sure our young women have every opportunity to grow and develop leadership skills." Maleto continued, "LiveGirl also provides our young women access to fierce female role models." Mentors include professional career women, educators, and lawmakers.

<u>About LiveGirl:</u> Founded in 2014, LiveGirl, Inc. is a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that builds confident leaders. LiveGirl provides year-round leadership development and mentoring for girls grades 5-12. For more information, please visit www.goLiveGirl.org or email info@goLiveGirl.org.

<u>About CT Alliance</u>: The Connecticut Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. was established in 2003 to promote the social welfare of the boys and girls that are served by the seventeen individual Connecticut Boys & Girls Clubs by seeking and sharing financial and programmatic opportunities. For more information, email dmaleto@icloud.com.