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Reggaeton Stars Donate \$25,000 To Building Homes

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MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Fresh off the success of their latest album, Grammy-winning reggaeton stars Wisin and Yandel are donating \$25,000 to the Habitat

The duo from Puerto Rico also announced Wednesday they will donate \$1 from every ticket sold for their U.S. tour this fall to the organization, which provides homes for low-income families. Their show opens in Miami on Sept. 17.

"At this point in our careers, it's more than just selling records or counting the number of fans we have," Wisin, 31, said. "It's about how blessed we are to be able to help others in need."

The donation comes as the pair were honored with three gold albums and one platinum during a news conference at the Gansevoort Hotel in Miami Beach.

When asked to name the first item they purchased once they achieved success, Yandel held up a diamond-crested necklace with a dangling round pendant.

"This is one of the first things I bought for myself," Yandel said. "I normally leave it at home, but I wanted to bring it today."

Wisin and Yandel, the stage names of Llandel Veguilla Malave and Juan Luis Morera, released their seventh album, "La Revolucion" in May. The lead single reached the top 10 of the Billboard chart.

The duo has collaborated with artists like 50 cent, Akon, Lenny Kravitz and Enrique Iglesias. But they said the experience of working with Paris Hilton on her album was still fresh on their minds.

"She was really sweet," Yandel said. "It was a lot of fun giving that song a reggaeton touch."

They won a Grammy in 2008 for best Latin urban album of the year for their last album, "Wisin vs. Yandel: Los Extraterrestres." They also won Latin rhythmic album of the year at the 2009 Latin Billboard Music Award.

Wisin and Yandel's 15-date tour will make stops in Georgia, Illinois, Virginia, New York, California, Arizona and Texas.

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