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Chris McConnell is President and Founder of The McConnell Group, a global executive coaching, organizational and business consulting firm. She is skilled and thoughtful in supporting leaders, and organizations, to meet strategic plans and achieve excellence in execution, engendering organizational and self awareness, coaching for alignment and high performance, promoting values based progressive cultures, facilitating vision, and in human capital and talent management. She works with senior management and their organizations to enable successful change in businesses through their leaders, management teams, and as well with entrepreneurs and seasoned individuals purposefully committed to building a better life for themselves, a better experience for others, a better world.

Chris is deeply committed to her purpose of changing the world one leader at a time...

Chris is known for coaching her clients to realize their purpose and objectives and maximize impact. Her extensive experience, intuitive insight, active listening, strategic capability, thoughtful and forthright approach promote alignment of her clients' goals with their individual objectives and the objectives of their business, focusing on the practical implementation of a clear plan of action, and partnering with each for personal and professional growth. Chris' success is evident in the number of senior leaders and emerging leaders she has helped truly succeed. They have increased their leadership capability, strengthened their leadership behaviors, deepened relationships and partnerships with multiple constituencies, built, developed, and led high-performing teams and high-impact businesses, achieved greater, sustaining reward and recognition, including externally, broader and more critical roles, with deeper perspective and fulfillment in their careers, their lives, in their life purpose and life plans.

Chris is a senior contributor to articles on women, professional programs and retreats. She frequently speaks on personal and professional development, leadership, on growing, on succeeding, on living with purpose, next chapter planning, women and their professional and life choices, and thought leadership in executive coaching. She is invited to partner with the most senior executive women in companies as they seek to build communities of senior and emerging women. She is a leader among coaches, a valued mentor and advisor. Chris is recognized for her advising of senior leaders, for development of talent, management team development, board development, for facilitation effectiveness, for mastery in coaching, for her signature presence.

Chris is a Member of the Women's Forum of New York, a by invitation community of preeminent New York women leaders, and a Member of the International Women's Forum, the esteemed organization through which Women's Forums globally are affiliated. She is an advisor to the Global Fund for Women, the largest grantmaking foundation in the world dedicated to advancing women's human rights globally, and Co-Chair and Founding Member of its Leadership Advisory Board, a community of accomplished, committed senior women advisors. She is a Commissioner of the Women's Refugee Commission, a non-profit advocating for laws, policies and programs to improve the lives and protect the rights of refugee women and children, and is advisor to its Executive Director. She is an advisor on development and strategy to the President and CEO of Breakthrough, an organization seeking to making discrimination and violence-against women and girls unacceptable globally. She is a Member of the Leadership Council, Athena Center for Leadership Studies, Barnard College, a pioneering force in undergraduate women's education. Chris is a passionate and vocal trailblazer in her focus to bridge executive and philanthropic women leaders and their worlds leveraging the collective and individual power and impact.

Chris completed her doctoral studies in adult education, with emphasis in clinical and organizational psychology, ABD, All But Dissertation, at Teachers College, Columbia University, and has taught at the university level.

Chris has a grown daughter, a teen granddaughter, a Havanese pup named Gus, and resides on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Her interests are lifelong learning and teaching, advancing women's rights, human rights, and building a just and gender equitable world, reading, traveling, gardening, renovating, and walking in her beloved Central Park and in the woods which she enjoys at the farm in upstate New York she shares with her husband, Rich McBride, a former Wall Street executive and respected executive coach, business consultant, and senior partner in The McConnell Group.

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