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BIOGRAPHY

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Passionate about influencing the world, Sara Hildebrand seeks to awaken, empower and mobilize youth to speak up for the Millennium Development Goals. The developing world will be transformed if we make these goals a priority as individuals and as a nation.

Sara studied Philosophy at McMaster University, including study abroad at the University of Amsterdam in Discourse Analysis and Argumentation Studies (B.A. *Summa cum laude*). She obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2000. Sara has also earned a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor.

Sara has worked for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General in the Policy Division (2000) and the Criminal Law Policy Branch (2004-2008). Most recently, she partnered with a small team to coordinate and further roll out the ministry's Youth Justice Committee program (court diversion program for youth) across Ontario. Sara's work outside the home has always been part-time because of her desire to be present and fully involved in mothering.

In October 2000, Sara's own Millennium Kid was born and given the names, "Mercy Justine". Sara's passion for both *mercy* and *justice* led her to law school, into government public service and now to pursue ways to effectively ignite passion and influence policy. Mobilizing Millennium Kids to ask the key questions that will determine their future—"what are you doing to change? And, how can I change too?" will challenge us all.

Sara and her husband Jason have four children together. They are nurturing their four growing kids to use their voice locally in Toronto and globally.