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In 1983, Andrea Farnum became a New York City Police Officer. She was first assigned to the 34th Precinct in Washington Heights and then as an undercover narcotics officer in Manhattan North. She saw firsthand how the War on Drugs was more about arrest numbers than about helping people struggling with addiction.

After leaving the police force and a successful career as a caterer, Farnum now runs her own event planning company, Full Bloom Events,

which plans and executes corporate, nonprofit, and social events across the country. She has volunteered for numerous homeless and drug policy advocacy organizations.

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