

Andrea Harris has been a cement mason for over 21 years. She likes to say that she didn't choose the trade it chose her. Both of her parents are tradespeople so it was inevitable that she would follow their lead and become a Tradeswoman.

Her career as a Mason began in 1997 through the Masons Local 780 apprenticeship program. Working on bridges, tunnels, high rises and the rebuild of the World Trade Center Path tunnels allow her to do her part building the city she calls home.

One of her favorite sayings “I’ve walked from New York to New Jersey underground.”

Upon donating a kidney to her mom in 2005 she made the decision to leave high-rise construction for the public sector, where she was employed as a cement mason at the Department of homeless services. Leaving the DHS she became the city's first female cement mason at FDNY. This opportunity at the FDNY gives her the chance to prove that women are helping build New York every day.

With a smile, she is always willing to help others get a job.

The motto that she lives by is one of her favorite quotes “always be a first-rate version of yourself instead of a second-rate version of someone else”.

When she's not finishing concrete and championing Tools & Tiaras, her passion as an avid swim mom is evident. As the Social Media Manager for her sons swims team she spotlights the amazing achievements of the kids on the team.