

# Lava Mae

Lava Mae brings critical services to the streets, delivered with Radical Hospitality, to restore dignity and rekindle optimism.



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FROM TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFORMATION Founded by Doniece Sandoval in 2013, Lava Mae began by converting public transportation buses into showers and toilets on wheels to deliver hygiene and rekindle dignity for our homeless guests in San Francisco. Today, we're taking Radical Hospitality to the street by bringing humanity, innovation, and collaboration to the way services are delivered to those moving through homelessness. To-date, Lava Mae has served more than 4,000 individuals who have taken 20,000+ showers on our mobile units, dramatically raised awareness about the lack of access to showers and basic hygiene for our homeless neighbors, and inspired new mobile hygiene programs across the U.S. and abroad. Now Lava Mae amplifying their impact globally by making it as easy as possible to replicate their mobile hygiene services and other programs in cities everywhere.

