## PRESS RELEASE, IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The 2023 Mini Box Auction benefitting the Community Visions Unlimited (CVU) Utility Box Art Project will be held from $1 \mathrm{pm}-4 \mathrm{pm}$, Sunday, October 22md, at the Schoen Mansion of Jacob Schoen \& Son Funeral Home, 3827 Canal St., New Orleans, 70119.

An afternoon of food, drink and live music takes place as guests stroll through the mansion and place their bids on keepsake replicas of the metropolitan area's beautified boxes, created this past year.

Twenty-five to thirty 7 " 7 " mini boxes that open from the top and list the location of the original utility box plus the name of the artist who designed and painted it. The minimum bid starts at $\$ 50$ for these souvenir storage boxes. All auction proceeds benefit the continuation of this this public minded community project, which originated in 2006 post-Katrina New Orleans.

In addition, meet some of these local artists. Furthermore, in the exhibition there will be works featuring of the renowned New Orleans artist, Jack Kleinberg. His work is a love letter to New Orleans landmarks and its neighborhoods.

Since 1994 Community Visions has been assisting New Orleans neighborhoods through art, beautification, and empowerment. CVU has completed 307 utility boxes to date across 7 parishes. In addition, CVU is now working with AT\&T rendering artwork on their behalf ( 15 to date) and more to come...

Many Thanks to sponsors AT\&T, Gulf Coast Bank \& Trust, Billie \& Doug Mayo, Al Petrie, and Arthur Johnson.

Community Visions Unlimited is a 501c3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible. See more at www.cvunola.org and view Mini's that will be in this year's auction. You may also send a bid ahead of time to cvunola@gmail.com

FREE EVENT - a family event

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Time: 1-4 p.m.
Location: Jacob Schoen \& Son Funeral Home 3827 Canal St. NOLA 70119

