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Park Avenue Thrift announces the hiring of its new executive director, Stela Jantzen. Jantzen brings retail and nonprofit skills, most recently serving as assistant director at Main Street Enid, where she has helped make Main Street Enid one of Oklahoma's premier main street organizations. "As the Assistant Director of Main Street Enid for the past seven years, and as a regular patron of many of the organization's Park Avenue Thrift regularly rewards grants to, I came to realize firsthand just how big of a role Park Avenue Thrift plays in making Enid a great place to live. I am so thrilled to help carry out such a great mission," Jantzen said.

"Stela is a treasure and we are delighted to have her lead our next chapter at Park Avenue Thrift," said Lynn Smith, search committee chair. "Her expertise, enthusiasm and experience will immediately benefit Park Avenue Thrift and our mission—helping us support the quality of life in Enid, through our thrift store and grantmaking."

Stela, an Enid native, earned a merchandising/marketing degree from Oklahoma State University, and has immersed herself in the Enid community over the last ten years. With her husband, Riley, Stela owns The Felt Bird, a fixture of downtown Enid selling eclectic gifts, accessories, and apparel. About the intersection of her commitment to Enid and her position as Executive Director of Park Avenue Thrift, Jantzen said, "I love Enid and I'm so happy to be a part of an organization that works to improve the quality of life in our community."

"Park Avenue Thrift is stronger than ever," said Board member and search committee member Andrew Long. "Park Avenue Thrift thrives on donations of 'stuff' from the community, which we turn into grants for quality of life initiatives in Enid," Long said. "So far in 2019, donations and sales are far exceeding those of 2018 and this spring we gave grants in excess of \$120,000 and we anticipate opening another round of grants in the Fall."

For information about Stela, Park Avenue Thrift, and the Board of Directors, please visit [www.parkavenuthrift.org](http://www.parkavenuthrift.org), or search for "Park Avenue Thrift" on Facebook.

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