

## The Mission

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association (SLHNA) and the Friends of Francis Park (FOFP) invite you to participate in our efforts to honor David Rowland Francis by placing a seven foot bronze statue of him in Francis Park.

David Francis was an insightful and distinguished public servant. Aside from being a successful businessman, he served our City, our State and our Country as described in the biography section of this brochure.

Your participation in this most worthwhile endeavor will be a wonderful way for you to contribute to the success of this project, as well as leave a legacy for the neighborhood and for your family.

## DAVID R. FRANCIS MEMORIAL STATUE

### Donation Information

*All donations are tax deductible*

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be placed on plaque or brick:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain anonymous

Charge my credit card for my gift in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

MC / Visa # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to make your gift online, go to  
[www.friendsoffrancisark.org](http://www.friendsoffrancisark.org)

*Please make checks payable to Friends of Francis Park  
Mail to Friends of Francis Park, PO Box 190314,  
St. Louis, MO 63119*

### Engraving

Your message length depends on the brick type you choose.  
Both bricks accomodate 3 lines of text.

For 4" x 8" clay bricks, please fill out the green boxes only, as  
your message can be 13 characters per line.

For 4" x 8" bronze bricks, please fill out the green and grey  
boxes, as your message can be up to 25 characters per line.


4" x 8" Traditional clay brick (up to 13 characters per line)

4" x 8" bronze brick (up to 25 characters per line)



## David R. Francis Memorial Statue

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FRIENDS OF FRANCIS PARK

## David Rowland Francis

*(October 1, 1850 – January 15, 1927)*

was an American politician. He served in various positions including Mayor of St. Louis, as the 27th Governor of Missouri and United States Secretary of the Interior. President Woodrow Wilson appointed Francis as the last U.S. Ambassador to Russia during the Russian Revolution of 1917.

Francis was born in Richmond, Kentucky, on October 1, 1850, the son of Eliza Caldwell (née Rowland) and John B. Francis. Graduating from Washington University in St. Louis in 1870, he ranked second on the rolls of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was a successful businessman in St. Louis and served as the president of the Merchant's Exchange.

Mr. Francis was elected Mayor of St. Louis, Missouri in 1885. In 1888 he was elected Governor of Missouri, becoming the only Mayor of St. Louis elected Governor of the state. Francis served as the United States Secretary of the Interior under President Grover Cleveland between 1896 and 1897.

Francis was one of the main promoters of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair serving as President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The 1904 Summer Olympics were held in combination with that Exposition. By overseeing the opening ceremony, Francis became the only American to open an Olympic Games who never served as President or Vice-President of the United States.

On Christmas Eve of 1916, a man dressed as Santa Claus delivered a deed for sixty acres of land, donated by David R. Francis, as a Christmas gift to the City of St. Louis. Those sixty acres now comprise the park in St. Louis Hills that bears his name.

Francis died in St. Louis, Missouri on January 15, 1927. He is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

## Donations

The SLHNA and FOFP are seeking donations from corporations, families and individuals for this beautiful memorial to a great man. Checks should be made to FOFP, a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Donations may also be made at [friendsoffrancispark.org](http://friendsoffrancispark.org) with a note that the donation is for the statue of David Francis.

### **\$5,000 +**

Corporate and individual donors of \$5,000 or more will have their name placed on a permanent plaque that will be on the base of the statue.

### **\$1,000 +**

Corporate and individual donors from \$1,000 to \$4,999 will be permanently recognized with an engraved 4" x 8" bronze brick that will be located in the ground surrounding the statue.

### **\$250 +**

Corporate and individual donors from \$250 to \$999 will be permanently recognized with an engraved 4" x 8" clay brick that will be located in the ground in the area of the statue.

### **Up to \$249**

Corporate and individual donors up to \$249 will be recognized in print

*More information at: [www.friendsoffrancispark.org](http://www.friendsoffrancispark.org) and [www.stlhna.com](http://www.stlhna.com)*