



'FORTUNATE' Cormack

## Dons chief gives £100k to uni kids

BY JON HEBDITCH

ABERDEEN chairman Dave Cormack has donated £100,000 to help 10 youngsters go to university.

Cormack and wife Fiona gave the money to Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen through their Cormack Family Foundation.

It will support 10 students from "under-represented" backgrounds for two years.

Cormack said: "Fiona and I are fortunate to be in a position to support the next generation of talent and skills. We look forward to meeting the first students selected for these scholarships and will be keeping an eye on their progress."

RGU principal Professor John Harper thanked the couple for the "extremely generous donation".



AMBASSADOR Jean in 2010

## Last sister of JFK is dead at 92

BY RECORD REPORTER

THE last surviving sibling of John F. Kennedy, his sister Jean Kennedy Smith, has died aged 92.

Jean, a former US ambassador to Ireland, was the eighth of nine Kennedy children.

She never ran for political office but campaigned for brothers John and Robert, and was later made an ambassador by President Bill Clinton.

Jean played a key role in the Northern Ireland peace process by helping to secure a US visa for Gerry Adams against the wishes of the British Government.

Bertie Ahern, then Irish prime minister, said that without the visa "other events may not have fallen into place".

Jean also set up a charity for disabled artists. She died at home in New York.

# £1m charity hero



GOLDEN GIRL Demi in Brave New World and, below, as we all know her

## A case of less black and Moore blonde

DO not adjust your newspaper: the most famous brunette in Hollywood has indeed gone blonde.

Demi Moore, known for decades for her glossy dark locks, has

taken on a new style for her role in the TV adaptation of Aldous Huxley's classic novel Brave New World, coming soon to Sky One.

Well so long as it's for work, fair enough.



LIFE'S WORK Russell Macmillan with his wife Yvonne

## Russell's mission to help others is tribute to organ donor who saved his life

A KIND-HEARTED Scot has raised £1million for charity to thank the organ donor who saved his life 13 years ago.

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

two organs would help me achieve what we have achieved.

"It would not have happened without the donor. Everything I do is thanks to her. I will never forget that."

Russell lost his sight when he was 23 because of type one diabetes, although surgeons managed to restore five per cent of vision in his left eye.

By the time he was 42, his kidney function was down to eight per cent and he was sleeping for 16 hours every day.

He is convinced that, without the transplant, he would not have survived.

After the operation, Russell initially set out to raise £100,000. But he kept going after hitting his initial target, boosted by £121,000 from ITV quiz show Holding Out For a Hero, where contestants played to raise money for chosen charities.

Supported by wife Yvonne, 55, and daughter Nicola, 27, Russell helps people throughout his community, including many victims of Tory benefit cuts.

Teachers, social workers, police and health workers help him identify those in need, and local businesses donate goods and time to help.

Russell Macmillan, 55, set out to help others to "repay his debt to society" for the kidney and pancreas transplant that gave him a second chance at life.

He founded his own charity, East Renfrewshire Good Causes, to support people in need around his home town of Newton Mearns, near Glasgow.

In recent months, ERGC has donated tablet computers so terminally ill Covid-19 patients could talk to their families, computers and sensory equipment for kids with special needs, and groceries for needy families.

And he has just passed the £1million milestone in cash and services provided – a feat he has achieved despite being registered blind.

Russell said: "My two organs have helped more than 2500 people."

"Giving something back makes my life so much fuller. For me, it is an absolute honour and pleasure to be able to continue to help others."

"My organ donor was a woman who kept me alive to do the work that I do."

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think these

## SCHOOL RUN RECORD

THE proportion of kids being driven to school by car hit a new record last year, says a study.

Transport charity Sustrans Scotland found that 23.8 per cent of state

pupils got to classes via the school run, while 41 per cent walked, 16 per cent took the bus and four per cent cycled. Sustrans wants more "active and sustainable" travel.