

'When Calls the Heart' Producers Reassure Fans

Thousands of "Hearties"—fans of the popular Hallmark series *When Calls the Heart*—waited and wondered this week. Series star Lori Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, were among those arrested for alleged participation in a college admissions bribery scheme. Rumors swirled, especially after Hallmark later announced that the network had severed ties with Loughlin.

What would happen to the series? What about Loughlin's popular character, Abigail Stanton? Did dropping Loughlin mean canceling *When Calls the Heart* as well?

Final decisions have yet to be announced, but series producers sought to quell some of the controversy with the following statement, released this afternoon: