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## A successful Harvest Festival

# Local star shines for a good cause

Mississauga resident Harmony Cramp, 11, better-known as Cecily King on CBC's *Road To Avonlea*, participated along with other stars of the show in the recent Avonlea Harvest Festival, which raised \$50,000 for the Hospital for Sick Children.

Sullivan Films opened the show's studio doors at Cinespace Studios in Toronto to more than 5,000 fans for the festival on Saturday Nov. 2. For an admission fee, fans got a chance to tour the sets of *Rose Cottage*, *Green Gables*, *the King House*, and *Lawson's General Store* and meet the show's stars. The show's production staff transformed the set into an old-fashioned harvest festival complete with pumpkins, corn husks and haystacks.

Various items donated by area companies were sold in an auction along with costumes worn in previous *Road To Avonlea* shows.

Cramp is no stranger to work, and has appeared in several commercials and photo sessions since she was four. She even uses the three-hour trips back and forth from Uxbridge (the show is shot in Toronto and Uxbridge) as an excuse to work. That's when she memorizes her lines.

"It's not as fun as it sounds," she says, but the sparkle in her eyes says otherwise.

Average days on the set often run 10-11 hours. But she doesn't let her work get in the way of her education. She maintains her grades with the help of tutors on the set.

Harmony lives with her parents, brother, and her 13-week-old Yorkshire Terrier, K.C. She's as charming off the screen as on, but there is a difference between Cecily and Harmony: Harmony's much more mature and graceful.

In a dark green Avonlea T-shirt, blue jeans, and with her hair hanging freely past her shoulders, she doesn't look much like her Avonlea character. She often goes out without being recognized.

However, sometimes she does get recognized and she says that's okay, because she likes autographs.

"It's fun, but I still have to get better at writing fast"

Her proudest moment was getting the role as Cecily, younger sister to Felicity (Gema Zamprogna) and Felix (Zachary Bennett). She says she landed the role only because she happened to look like them. Harmony's mother, Lynn, says she would put a stop to her daughter's acting career if it became too much for her. But so far, there's been no need. Harmony's as modest and self-effacing as she always was.

She's not pretentious or snobbish, traits often associated with child actors, despite the fact she has a role in a series that is by far the most expensive and ambitious Canadian program ever aired.

Most of the money she earns goes toward a nest egg for college or university, where she plans to refine her acting skills. Until then, she'll continue to play with her friends, listen to Blue Rodeo, and go camping, skating and snowmobiling.

The series has just been renewed and filming has begun for the third season which is expected to premiere in January.

Many of the characters introduced in *Green Gables* will still be around next season.



Eleven-year-old Harmony Cramp, Cecily King on CBC's *Road To Avonlea*, recently helped raise \$50,000 for Toronto's Hospital For Sick Children.