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Patient's Father Donates \$5M To UM Med School

Barton Weiss' Daughter Received Cochlear Implant

MIAMI -- The University of Miami received a \$5 million donation for the Miller School of Medicine from restaurateur Barton G. Weiss on Thursday. The donated funds will go toward a new Family Resource Center at the Clinical Research Building. The new center is geared toward assisting families who have children who are deaf or have hearing problems.

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Weiss dealt with those issues firsthand after his daughter was born deaf. But, thanks to a cochlear implant that she received at the Miller School of Medicine, she can now hear. His passion for wanting to help families deal with the disabilities prompted the donation.

"The UM Ear Institute diagnostic and treatment capabilities that are without equal, which is why it's one of the busiest cochlear implant facilities in the United States. The thoughtfulness and generosity of Barton G. Weiss and the establishment of the Barton G. Kids Hear Now Foundation Cochlear Implant Family Resource Center will make it much easier for patients and families to have access to the information and services they need," UM President Donna Shalala told Local 10.

The center's mission will be "Giving the Gift of Sound" and is dedicated to the aggressive and immediate action in support of children diagnosed at birth as being deaf.

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