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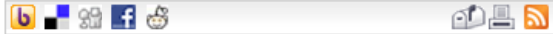
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The president of Lynn University will provide an update on the latest in the search efforts for the group still missing in Haiti. **News conference scheduled for 2 p.m.**

**Baby Born With No Eyes**

**Wellington Baby Has Rare Eye Condition**

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**WELLINGTON, Fla.** -- The birth of a child or grandchild is an event most people will cherish forever.

But for one Wellington family, this particular birth is even more special.

Brielle Garrison was born eight weeks ago without any eyes. She suffers from a rare condition known as Anophthalmia.

"Anophthalmia is actually a condition where you have no ocular tissue at all, nothing in the eyes," said Dr. Lee Friedman, with Microsurgical Institute, Inc.

Friedman said nobody knows what causes it.

"It's a sporadic mutation," said Friedman. "It's not hereditary."

Friedman said he hasn't seen anything like this in his 22 years of practice.

"For a baby to be born with no eyes is just so cruel, and because my daughter's 15, it was just mind boggling that such a thing could happen," said Lori Garrison, Brielle's grandmother.

The family said Brielle will have to have several surgeries so that her face does not become deformed.

"It's hard," said Taylor Garrison, Brielle's mother. "I mean, this week we have an appointment every day, and there's always appointments (and) different doctors."

The Garrisons hope by sharing their story more people will become aware and will hopefully conduct research to find the cause and prevent this from happening.

"I'm going to treat her like she was born just as any other baby, because that's how she is," said Taylor Garrison. "That's how I see her."

A fund for Brielle has been set up at the Wachovia Bank on State Road 7 in Wellington.



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Brielle Garrison suffers from a rare condition in which she doesn't have any ocular tissue.

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