That question plagued Kay Cash for more than five years as she consulted doctor after doctor, eight in all, to define it – the reason for the decline in her mother’s mental abilities.

Early in 2005, Randolph Schiffer, M.D., chair of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, diagnosed Kay’s mother with Lewy Body Dementia, believed to be the second most common form of dementia after Alzheimer’s disease. Don Cash, Kay’s husband, encountered dementia with his father, who suffered from Alzheimer’s.

To honor Schiffer and in recognition of the work being done at the Garrison Institute on Aging, the Cashes chose to establish the Don-Kay-Clay Cash Foundation Regents Endowed Chair in Alzheimer’s Research. Their support will assist the Garrison Institute on Aging in building a team of world-class researchers who will identify early stages of Alzheimer’s disease, develop prevention strategies and work to discover new treatments.

“Dementia is a mind thief,” says Kay. “Our hope is that by funding this research, TTUHSC can provide answers for early diagnosis, prevention and a cure.”

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