

What is Lewy Body Dementia?

Lewy body dementia (LBD), the second most common form of dementia, is a complex, challenging, and surprisingly common brain disease. It includes symptoms of its better known “cousins” – Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease.

LBD can present with a range of physical, cognitive, and behavioral symptoms including problems with thinking, memory, moving, sleep and/or changes in behavior.

Signs for Early Diagnosis

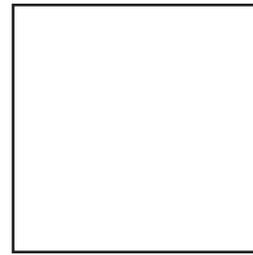
- Trouble with problem solving or analytical thinking
- Fluctuating levels of concentration and alertness
- Recurrent visual hallucinations
- Rigidity, stiffness or shuffling and other features of parkinsonism
- Sleep disorder such as acting out dreams or falling out of bed

If you or a loved one experiences these symptoms, take the Comprehensive LBD Symptoms Checklist with you to your doctor. It is available at lbda.org.

The Lewy Body Dementia Association is the only organization in the U.S. that provides comprehensive information, education, and support for people and families affected by Lewy body dementia.

- Increasing knowledge
- Sharing experience
- Building hope

For more information, contact LBDA at lbda.org or 404-935-6444.



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Early Diagnosis has Robert Bowles

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



“Finding my purpose greatly increased my quality of life. I became more active and more socially engaged.”

Meet Robert Bowles.

He is a retired pharmacist.

He is a family man.

He is a man of great faith.

He is active in his community.

He is a mentor.

Robert also has Lewy body dementia.

But while that has slowed him down some, it has not stopped him.



According to his daughter, Kelli Owens, the LBDA website became the central point for Robert to learn everything there was about this unfamiliar disease. “He didn’t have to go out and search – it was all right there.”

With an accurate diagnosis, came better treatment and management of his symptoms. Feeling more like himself, Robert chose to “live with Lewy body dementia well” and to live with purpose again.

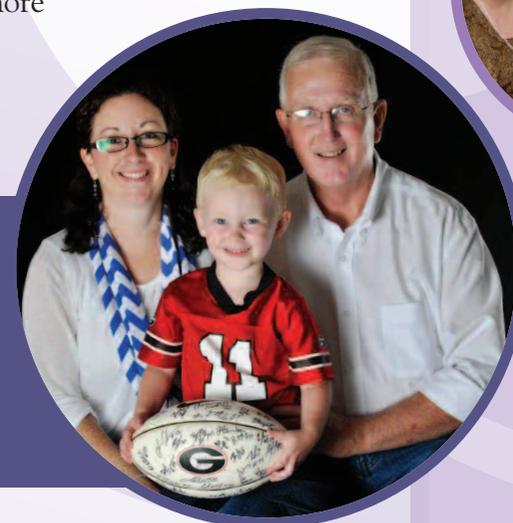


“My diagnosis simply gave me a different venue to do the things that I had tried to do all my life – to make a difference,” Robert declares.

Today Robert is guided by his passion for dementia advocacy and his desire to help others along their journey with the disease. He speaks about LBD to community groups, physicians and pharmacists, he has organized fundraisers, and he mentors others who have dementia – both in person and online.

Robert is now asking for your support so more people can receive an earlier diagnosis of LBD and have time to “live with Lewy body well.”

Learn more about Robert and how he is “making a difference” at LBDA.org/RobertBowles.



“I will always have the insatiable desire for me to rule LBD. It is a passion. Nothing will get in my way. I have a purpose in my life. For that I am thankful.”

Robert’s experience with LBD is not typical. Because this disease is complicated and not well known, a correct diagnosis usually comes much later in the disease leaving little time to find a new purpose.

Won’t you help others live well?
Visit lbda.org for more information.



Please donate to LBDA so we may continue to support people impacted by LBD, educate the medical community and support research to end this disease.

“I dream of a cure for Lewy body and all forms of dementia.”

“My passion for dementia advocacy and helping others along their journey keep me going.”

Like so many others with this disease, Robert received a number of incorrect diagnoses ranging from depression, to heart disease to Parkinson’s disease before he finally heard the words “Lewy body dementia”.

But Robert and his family had never heard of this disease so they turned to the Lewy Body Dementia Association where they received information, support and compassion.