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Lawyers support Prairie State Services

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BATAVIA -- Prairie State Legal Services received a \$2,500 boost this month to help the non-profit provider of legal assistance to low-income people keep serving the community.

Peter Flowers, president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, delivered the check at Prairie State's Batavia office. He said the donation comes from scaling back the expenses for his induction banquet.

"Prairie State Legal Services provides much-needed help to low-income clients who need legal representation. We want to show our support for their mission," Flowers said.

Prairie State offers free civil legal services for low-income people and those over the age of 60. It serves 37 north and central Illinois counties through its 11 regional offices.

Executive Director Michael O'Connor described Prairie State Legal Services as being "like The Salvation Army for legal needs."

And just like other organizations providing services to those in need, recent economic troubles both for the average family and the state budget are burdening the less fortunate and taxing the already hard-working legal services provider.

"The need has always been there. But with the economy ailing as it is, there are more people who need our services," O'Connor said.

To volunteer, make a donation, or learn more about Prairie State Legal Services go to www.pslegal.org.