

## Easley valve maker helps keep commerce flowing

*Its products give manufacturers control over their processes*

Published: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 - 2:00 am

By Ginny Johnson  
PICKENS COUNTY NEWS

Chocolate, peanut butter, water, chemicals and oil are just a few of the products that flow through valves and automated systems made by Easley's Quality Sourced Manufacturing Inc.

**STORYCHAT**   
What's your view? [Click here](#) to add your comment to this story.

Without valves, co-owner Victor Spearman said, it would be impossible to contain products, especially liquids, in any kind of vessel. The sink, the toilet, hairspray -- everything has a valve, he said.

"Everything that you get from the store in your day-to-day life -- your soap, shampoo, moisturizer, dog food -- it all goes through a certain process," said co-owner Deborah Kingsbury. "We provide a portion of that a process through the valves that we make."

From Sara Lee in Greenville to Stouffers in Gaffney and Fujifilm in Greenwood, you've probably used, eaten or been provided things that flowed through a valve or automated system manufactured by QSM.

Advertisement

The small company is celebrating 11 years in the industry and is gearing up for expansion at their State 153 facility. Many times the owners said they've heard how someone had no clue the business was even there.

"We are a very well-kept secret," Spearman said.

Besides employing local people and spending money locally on supplies, QSM gives annually to local charities as well. Miracle Hill, the Red Cross and the Shrine Circus have benefited from QSM.

"We have been blessed," Kingsbury said. "We can't give like a billion-dollar company, but there is something we can give back."

Perhaps it's their size, or maybe their location; whatever the reason, Spearman and Kingsbury said they're succeeding in Pickens County as the Bible's David did, only their Goliath is a host of multi-billion dollar competitors.

"We're small enough that we can make decisions very quickly; we have a small staff (and) we're able to respond to our customers' needs and demands very quickly," Spearman said.

"Here, we've got it quick, easy, low cost," Kingsbury said of Easley. "It was just an easy place to do business."



**zoom**  
Christopher Hand, left, and Henry McDaniel bench test assembled 4-inch sanitary multi-port Tru-Flo automated valve at Quality Sourced Manufacturing in Easley.  
ALAN DEVORSEY / Staff

Article tools

-  [E-mail this story](#)
-  [Print this story](#)
-  [Get breaking news, briefings e-mailed to you](#)
- [SUBSCRIBE TO THE GREENVILLE NEWS](#)

Latest updates

- [Video: Two minutes with Molly Ringwald](#)
- [McGowens leaves Laurens for Pendleton basketball job](#)
- [Moody's report raises concerns over tuition caps](#)
- [Folks removed from Web site](#)
- [Proposed Clemson development raises concerns](#)
- [Sligh hopes to sway judges one more time](#)
- [Greenville High soccer ranked No. 1 in nation](#)
- [Tickets remain for Chocolate Soiree](#)
- [Tigers' Richardson up for national award](#)
- [Greer breaks ground on new city hall](#)