



Easley Custom Plastics Wins Alliance Pickens Industry Award

Over 160 local area business representatives gathered recently at The Reserve located on Lake Keowee to celebrate economic achievements and community involvement by Pickens County businesses. Alliance Pickens, a public/private economic development organization whose primary mission is to attract, retain and increase the number of jobs and increase the tax base in Pickens County, sponsored this annual Industry Appreciation Event. Founded in 1995, Alliance Pickens has a board of 15 members who oversee its program of work and help lead the professional staff in recruiting new industry and maintaining existing industry in the county.

Ray Farley, Executive Director of Alliance Pickens, unveiled the very memorable and special "Chucky Award", a traveling trophy that will be passed from recipient to recipient over the next couple of years. He explained that the award would be presented at each annual event to a company that has achieved not only excellence in their industry but has also demonstrated a strong commitment to economic development in Pickens County.

Farley introduced the inaugural recipient of the Chucky Award as a company that has contributed greatly to Pickens County in a very short period of time. They have invested over \$15 million dollars to acquire, upgrade and improve their manufacturing facilities in the past eighteen months. They recently won the 2005 South Carolina Manufacturer of the Year Award and employ approximately 175 people with over 90% of them living in Pickens county. He described the company's CEO as a man committed to excellence and outstanding leadership in the community. He then called a very surprised Craig Homan, founder

of Easley Custom Plastics, to the front to accept the award. Homan commented, "This is truly an honor to be the very first recipient of this unique traveling trophy and I look forward to sharing this recognition with all our valued employees."

Based in Easley, South Carolina, ECP provides innovative engineering services and custom injection molded plastic components to a variety of industries and market segments which include: building products, automotive, heavy trucking and power tools. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of CH Industries, Inc. and has established a solid customer base with an outstanding industry reputation over the past 36 years.



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