

Julie Rizzo, founder of www.RecycledGranite.com chosen as one of the Leading CEOs of 2011!

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Julie Rizzo's vision is to educate the world about the benefits of recycling granite. By recycling granite remnants, her company eliminates millions of pounds of waste from landfills, saves energy, creates jobs, adds value and makes the world a better, greener place. Her nominator said Rizzo sees what others have not seen in thousands of years—value in scrap granite. That scrap comes from the remnants of thousands of granite countertop fabricators around the country. She founded the methods, machinery and market to recycle scrap granite, and started her granite recycling business in 2007. Rizzo followed that with creation of the RecycledGranite.com in 2008.

Today, she has licensed Recycled Granite Centers across the country. In a short period of time, she has been featured on television, in magazines and newspapers, on the radio and on the Internet.

Leadership is difficult to quantify. Either it exists in an organization or it doesn't. Successful companies and organizations have it, and in an economy that's been as difficult as this one has been for the past two years, good leadership has proven to be a valuable commodity for several Northwest Indiana businesses. It has helped guide those companies through some choppy waters. It's a quality that has been recognized by readers of *Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly*. Business executives who have shown exceptional leadership have been chosen as our 2011 leading CEOs, CFOs and community leaders. Here are this year's top 11 CEOs, one chief financial officer and five community leaders who are making a difference in their company or their community. Congratulations!

