

# Satish Reddy (M.S. Mechanical Engineering-1990) Receives Recognition for his Work at NASA

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## Is what you do rocket science? It is for this award-winning IBO

Be sure to congratulate Satish Reddy the next time you see him. Don't know who he is? He's the guy with the Silver Snoopy lapel pin.

Satish, a Founders Emerald from Houston, was recently awarded the Silver Snoopy Award from NASA for two significant achievements as chief engineer of a design and analysis group at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. The highly coveted award is presented by astronauts for saving their spacecraft, mission or life.

The first achievement was for his efforts after loose foam damaged the protective tiles on the underside of the Space Shuttle Endeavour during its Aug. 8, 2007 launch. Satish and his team worked day and night to determine the extent of the damage, and evaluate whether it would jeopardize the lives of the crew. On Aug. 21, 2007, Endeavour and its crew of seven landed safely. The NASA citation stated that it was Satish's efforts that contributed to the safe return of the Space Shuttle.

The second was for resolving design deficiencies in the television cameras on board space shuttles that monitor spacewalks.



Satish received his award during a ceremony last December attended by nearly 400 co-workers, plus his wife, Sreelatha; their 11-year-old daughter, Ravali; and their 4-month-old son, Rohun. In addition to a plaque, he received the Silver Snoopy lapel pin (left), which actually flew on a space shuttle mission.

Ironically, said Satish, it was his Amway Global independent business and the upline organization's leadership training program that prepared him well for his work in the space program.

"I used to be a nerd, sitting at a computer and working on math problems," he said. "But this business taught me leadership skills. It taught me not to be afraid, work with people, build teams, and to take risks."

During his five-year tenure in the space program, Satish has been promoted four times. "I think the reason I do well at work is because of what I learned in this business," he said.

And despite his serious responsibilities at work, he's able to find time to build the business and be with his family. "My commute is 90 minutes each way. I'm always on the phone, taking care of my downline and my international businesses," he said. "The rest of my time is spent with my family."



*Nearly 400 people attended the awards ceremony. From left to right: NASA Astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger; NASA Astronaut Ellen S. Baker, M.D.; Satish and Sreelatha's daughter, Ravali, 11; Sreelatha Reddy, M.D.; their son, Rohun, 4 months old; Satish; and Wayne Hale, NASA Deputy Associate Administrator and formerly the Space Shuttle Program Manager.*