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NASA Headquarters  
300 E. St. SW  
Washington, DC 20546

Dear Sir or Madame,

My name is Stephen Cooley. I am a fifth grader at Academy Hill School in Springfield, MA. I am very interested in aerospace and related sciences. This year I had a chance to work on an independent topic. I investigated a wide range of topics and aerospace engineering was my favorite. Then we had to solve a problem about our topic. I found that NASA needed more money to continue their amazing work. Then I figured out that if every child in the United States gave one nickel to NASA, then there would be enough money to send a rocket to mars in the near future.

I then started a March of Dimes style project to raise money for NASA. We called it Nickels for NASA. I made a presentation and did it in front of the whole school. Immediately the donations started rushing in from students and parents at my school. I also made posters and I'm working on a website. I plan to do this for the rest of the history of the universe.... but so far we have collected over \$100.00. Here is the check. There should be more forthcoming in the future.

We are attempting to make this a not-for-profit organization. My hope is that it will help fund NASA for years to come.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Cooley  
Astronaut in Training