**Feeding Intabazwe’s children**

Hi! My name is Nia Forde. I am an undergraduate student from the University of Central Florida studying economics and statistics. This summer, I will be embarking on a service-learning trip to South Africa to engage in various projects along with 8 of my classmates. We have an incredible opportunity to make a positive impact by participating in projects that aim to address critical needs in Harrismith and the Nambiti Game Reserve.

One of my projects include feeding the orphanage and school of Intabazwe. Intabazwe, a village built on an active dumpsite, lies well below the poverty line and is widely overlooked by its government. As such, there is never enough food to go around, even for the children. It’s mind-blowing to imagine the harsh reality of these children who struggle to meet such a fundamental, yet often overlooked, need - having enough food to live. They are facing these challenges during childhood, a vulnerable time of their lives that should be defined by joy and innocence, but instead is threatened and robbed by hunger.

The harsh realities faced by Intabazwe’s children allow us to reflect on our own lives. It forces us to consider our fortunes and helps us to remember that these children aren’t just statistics, they are real lives and futures waiting to unfold if only given the chance.

Due to the exchange rate, about $5.00 can feed the children of Intabazwe for a day. I hope to raise $2000 to feed them for a year.