

# Elsewhere

GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## A PLAY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

**Brazil** For the first time in the country's history, Brazil's women footballers will be paid the same as their male counterparts. In 2019, the women's prize at the Fifa World Cup was \$30million – and the men's was \$400million. But earlier this month, Rogério Caboclo, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, announced that every player who represents Brazil will get the same day rates and prize money. To usher in even more change, the confederation has appointed two women's football coordinators to help with team management. Just last year, Brazil's beloved forward Marta Vieira Da Silva called for more support at the World Cup final. "The women's game depends on you to survive," she said to the crowd, "value it more." We second that.



BRAZIL'S WOMEN FOOTBALLERS WILL FINALLY GET EQUAL PAY



THESE ACCESSIBLE MASKS ARE A STROKE OF GENIUS



A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO JOY HAS OPENED IN DENMARK



THE JUNGLES OF NEW GUINEA HAVE GONE TO THE DOGS



'SOLIDARITY BATMAN' FEEDS SANTIAGO'S HOMELESS

## Mindful masks

**Canada** Though masking up has become a vital way of protecting each other during the pandemic, it can make communication tricky for some. But one social enterprise wants to change that. Based in Winnipeg, The Cutting Edge has been producing masks to help people who have difficulty hearing, with a transparent section over the mouth so they can lip-read. "As schools are going back, many orders are being placed by colleges and some of the groups advocating for accessibility," said operations director Anne-Lydie Bolay. A simple yet thoughtful way to help.



## Joy to the world

**Denmark** The World Happiness Report listed Denmark as the second happiest place on Earth, so it makes sense that the world's first Happiness Museum has opened in Copenhagen. Inside, the walls are scattered with positivity-inducing quotes, artefacts that evoke joy and Post-it notes from visitors on what makes them smile. "We thought, why don't we create a place where people can experience happiness from different perspectives and give them an exhibition where they can become wiser around the questions we try to solve?" said CEO of The Happiness Research Institute, Meik Wiking. It's exactly what the world needs right now.



## Canine encore

**Papua New Guinea** Have you ever heard a dog sing? Neither have we, and it's no wonder – singing dogs, native to the jungles of New Guinea and known for their distinctive humpback whale-sounding howls, haven't been seen in the wild since the 1980s. Recently, though, there was a chance sighting of a pack of wild singing dogs on the island, which is reason to celebrate: scientists believed the species had become extinct, but now they know they're out there, they can be monitored and protected. May they sing to their heart's content.



## A hero in an apron

**Chile** Chile's homeless population totals more than 12,000, and its capital, Santiago, accounts for half of that alone. While the pandemic continues, the livelihoods of the city's homeless people largely rely on donations from passers-by. Now, one selfless individual has taken it upon themselves to enact change – and they're dressing up for the occasion. A masked, self-proclaimed 'Solidarity Batman' has been handing out hot meals to the most vulnerable. "Look around you, see if you can dedicate a little time, a little food, a little shelter, a word of encouragement to those who need it," said the anonymous superhero. An ethos to live by.



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