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Twelve Year Old Mill Valley Resident Saves Two Year Old from Drowning

Mill Valley, CA- On May 24, 2009 at about 4:30 PM, 12 year old Mill Valley resident Kara Waluk was outside playing in her backyard with her older sister. Kara and her sister were in a position in their backyard wherein they were able to look down into their neighbor's backyard. Kara was able to see a two-year old boy playing near the pool in the neighbor's yard. Kara could see that the toddler had a stick and was playing with the pool water. Kara turned her attention to her sister for a few seconds and when she turned back around, she noticed that the toddler was floating facedown in the pool. Kara immediately ran to her mother and told her that the toddler was floating in their neighbor's pool. Kara's mother searched for the telephone while Kara ran next door to tell the neighbors. Kara alerted the adults at the residence, who were then able to retrieve the toddler from the bottom of the pool.

Without a doubt, it is Kara's instantaneous response alerting her mother and the neighbors that resulted in saving the life of the two-year old toddler.

Kara has been nominated to receive a Marin County Sheriff's Office citizen's commendation award.