'Angel' saves 2-year-old who nearly drowned in hotel pool

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Angel Nakabiito, a female lifeguard, has saved the life of a two-year-old who nearly drowned in the swimming pool of a Fujairah hotel.

The family of the rescued boy were guests at the Mirage Hotel Fujairah and were by the pool when the incident took place.

As soon as she spotted the toddler struggling to stay afloat in the pool, Nakabiito wasted no time. "My first reaction was to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). I followed the protocol, gave him five initial breaths and thankfully was able to resuscitate him. My training is still fresh, so I was able to perform this perfectly. I'm extremely happy and proud of myself, because I saved a life," she said.

The UAE's Ministry of Interior recently awarded Nakabiito with a certificate of appreciation.

Waleed Sotouhi, executive assistant manager at Mirage Hotels

Angel Nakabiito was honoured by the UAE Ministry of Interior

Group, said: "Thanks to the continuous training of our lifeguards, the child's life was saved. The result of that incident has made me very proud of our team's rapid response. It's really important to keep investing in training and we'll continue strong training for the entire department, especially our lifeguards."

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