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We've been getting a downpour of rain lately, but one of the things to look forward to during summer time in New York City is outdoor basketball tournaments.

The Fourth annual **Carlos M. Perez Memorial Basketball Tournament** and fundraiser on July 18 is one of those events. The tournament funds local scholarships in Washington Heights.

Born and raised in New York, Carlos Perez was a youth basketball coach who died in a car accident in December of 2005. He was only 25.

"The tournament is a great way for people to come together and remember Carlos," says New Heights director and tournament organizer **Vanessa Perez**, Carlos' sister. "And it's a wonderful venue to give back to the community."

While many of the players in the tournament are kids Carlos mentored, there's always room for more, says Vanessa.

Receiving backing from the Knicks, L'Oreal, Motorola and Coors Light to name a few, the tournament will feature boys and girls teams of all ages at every level playing live games under the sun.

There will also be giveaways, raffles and vendor booths, which are bound to make the day a family affair.

It all takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cabrini Park in Washington Heights. Attendance is free.

For more information on how to participate or to help sponsor the event send an e-mail to... contact@thenewheights.org.

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