

On Sunday, August 12th, The UCE Racial Equity Action Leadership Team (REAL), in partnership with Second Baptist Church, hosted our first Yo-Social Event on UCE's very sunny South Lawn.

After the over 60 in attendance participated in a "Get To Know You Bingo Game" we all enjoyed cold, refreshing, and delicious frozen yogurt provided by YoFresh Cafe. There were a multitude of flavors to choose from with an even greater amount of toppings! As you can imagine, the possibilities were endless to create your personalized tasty summer treat.

The Owners of YoFresh, Jean & Larry Murphy wanted to establish a space where the community could find personal refreshment in an environment that was inviting and comfortable, relaxing but also fun, with a menu that was "good for you and good to you." More importantly, they wanted to be social entrepreneurs, using the proceeds from the business to underwrite programs for youth development, particularly providing financial support for marginalized youth to travel internationally to broaden their horizons and deepen their personal resources.

Not only did we make new friends, but Nick Connell, local balloon artist, amazed adults and children alike with his amazing balloon twisting creations: a mermaid, a unicorn, a sea turtle, a koala bear, a flamingo, a seahorse, a butterfly, a giraffe and so much more! With our new friends, we also enjoyed face painting, creating giant bubbles, and playing a bean bag toss game.

Please stay tuned for more community building events from UCE'S REAL Team.

Click her to view photos from the event:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/waiyrmnjdeyr02c/AACleXD9fKJepojcSt6ypVrxa?dl=0>

Click here to find out more about our partners:

Second Baptist Church: <https://www.secondbaptistevanston.org>

YoFresh Yogurt Cafe: <http://yofreshyogurtcafeil.com>

Jean & Larry Murphy: <http://www.maindempstermile.com/blog/jean-larry-murphy-yofresh-cafe>

Balloon Artist: <https://www.gigmasters.com/balloon-twister/nickconnell>