

## **Youth Award**

- Keshler has been involved with the BOLD Teens for more than five years. The BOLD Teens is a youth-led organization that focuses on social, health and environmental justice. As a youth advocate, he works to improve the health, safety and environment of the community. He also serves as a member of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council Board where he represents the BOLD Teens and ensures that the youth voice is heard in the community. Through these organizations he has been instrumental in ensuring initiatives of the Codman Square community incorporate youth leadership.
- Keshler also served as an active member of the city of Boston's Healthy Community Champions and assisted with thousands of homes becoming smoke-free by implementing smoke-free lease addendums under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch. He also played a leadership role in Massachusetts being the first state to permanently ban retail sales of all flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes and vape products in 2020.
- Additionally, Keshler serves as a youth manager of the Codman Square Farmers Market where he educates residents on the major health inequities in the community caused by diet and promotes healthier food options under the leadership of Cynthia Loesch-Johnson.
- Keshler is a true leader and is dedicated to making positive change in the community through youth advocacy.