



## JOANNE M. STANTON BS '03

**JOANNE M. STANTON** has more than 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry as a senior medical and scientific communications writer, and is a community and political activist for children's environmental health issues.

Last year, Stanton co-authored *Behind Closed Doors: Uncovering the Practices Harming Our Children's Health and What We Can Do About It*, which takes a comprehensive look at the growing number of U.S. children with chronic health conditions and offers information, solutions and resources to help parents protect their families. Through her book, Stanton aims to educate parents about changing practices within the food and pharmaceutical industries, the environment, and politics and how those changes are potentially the root of the problem.

And her work is making waves. In June 2018, Stanton was invited to present her book's research, as well as related environmental health topics, at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dedicated to making a difference for children and their communities, Stanton continues to speak out about environmental health issues. She serves on the National Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination Coalition where she works to establish enforceable federal and state drinking water standards for this chemical class. On this coalition, she represents local communities affected by PFAS water contamination from military superfund sites. In July 2018, Stanton led a community panel presentation at the regional Environmental Protection Agency PFAS Summit Meeting, which resulted in shutting down additional contaminated wells in the local area.

Stanton earned her bachelor's degree from the College of Public Health.