

CP of NYS Annual Award Recipient

AWARD OF DISTINCTION



**Dr. Mark Franke, DDS
Cerebral Palsy Association
of the North Country**

For more than 20 years Dr. Mark Franke has provided critical dental care to many of the most vulnerable residents of the North Country. Beyond just improving oral health, his care impacts his patients' overall health and well-being.

During his 18 years at CP of the North Country's health center in Canton, Dr. Franke has created a trusting relationship with hundreds of patients of all ages and needs. He has displayed great patience and ingenuity as he has helped people with disabilities overcome their fears and ultimately achieve the same high level of oral health as everyone else in the region. Dr. Franke's unwavering positive outlook and steadfast determination to provide access to the highest quality of care possible for people with disabilities has been emulated by his peers in the community.

Beyond his busy work schedule, Dr. Franke has volunteered for years at events such as Senior Smile Day and Give Kids a Smile Day, providing free dental evaluations. In 2017 he was honored by Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization and the North Country Health Compass Partners as recipient of the Health Hero Award for his service to the community.