



# Faith Connections



**Building Bridges between the Faith Community,  
Individuals and Government**

*A Faith Based Initiative*

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## **MISSION**

To provide real time access to faith community programs, services and resources to alleviate “unmet” needs of families experiencing financial, personal, or family crisis.



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## VISION

**Working together in  
Partnership...**



**We can make a  
Difference!**

# Developing Partnerships

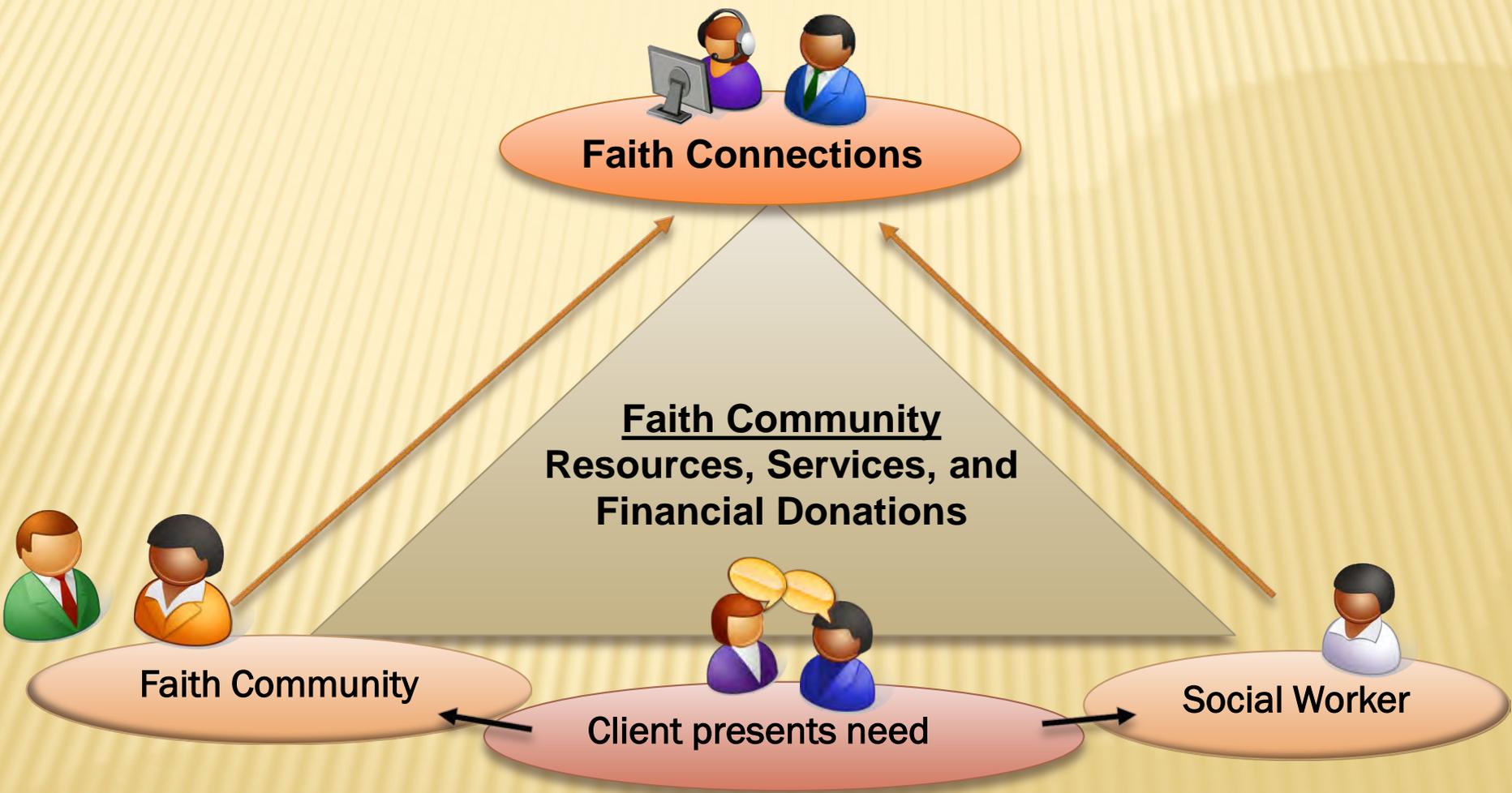


**Build Respect**

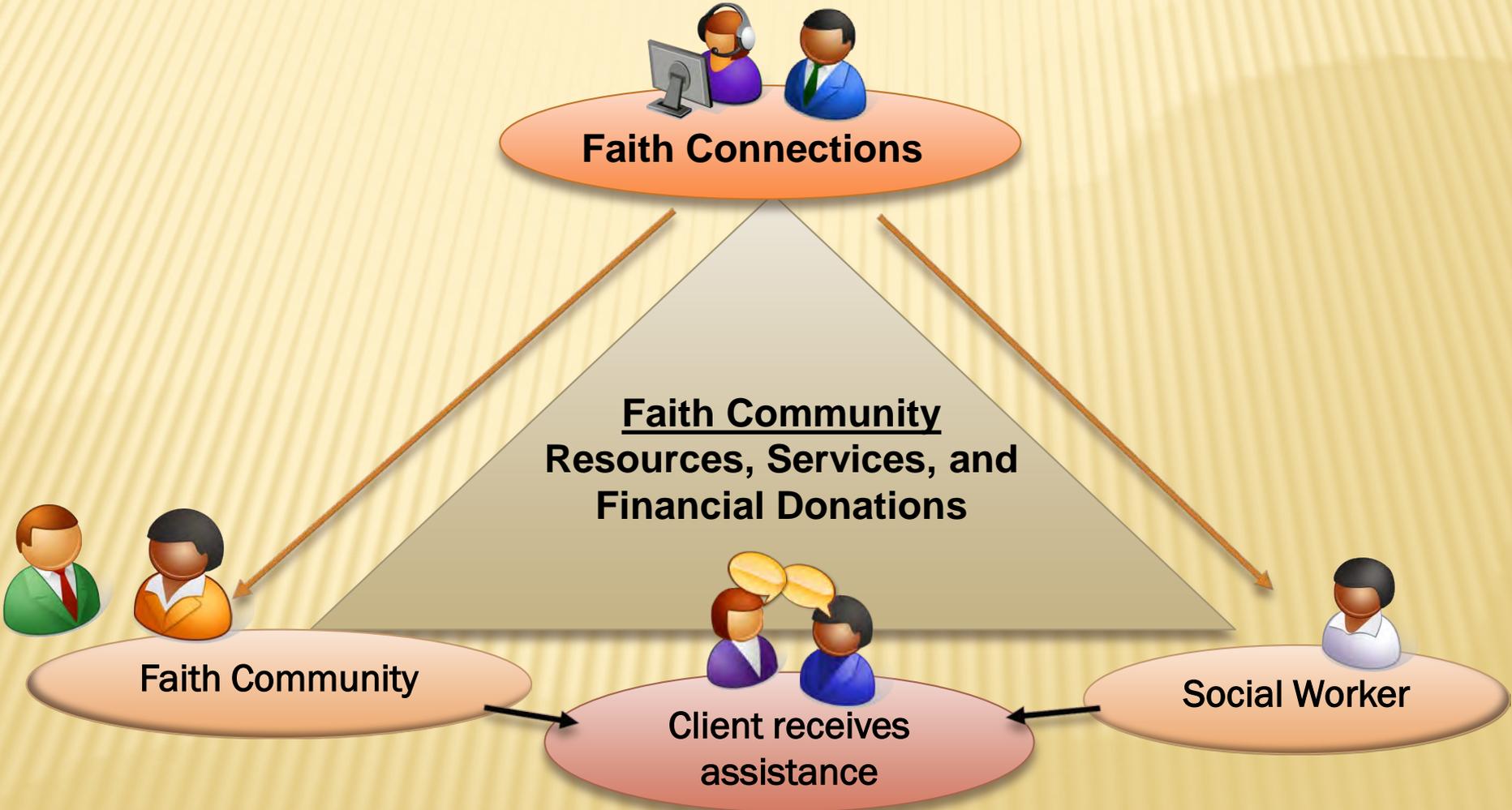
**Recognize  
and build on  
strengths**

**Identify gaps  
and unmet  
needs.**

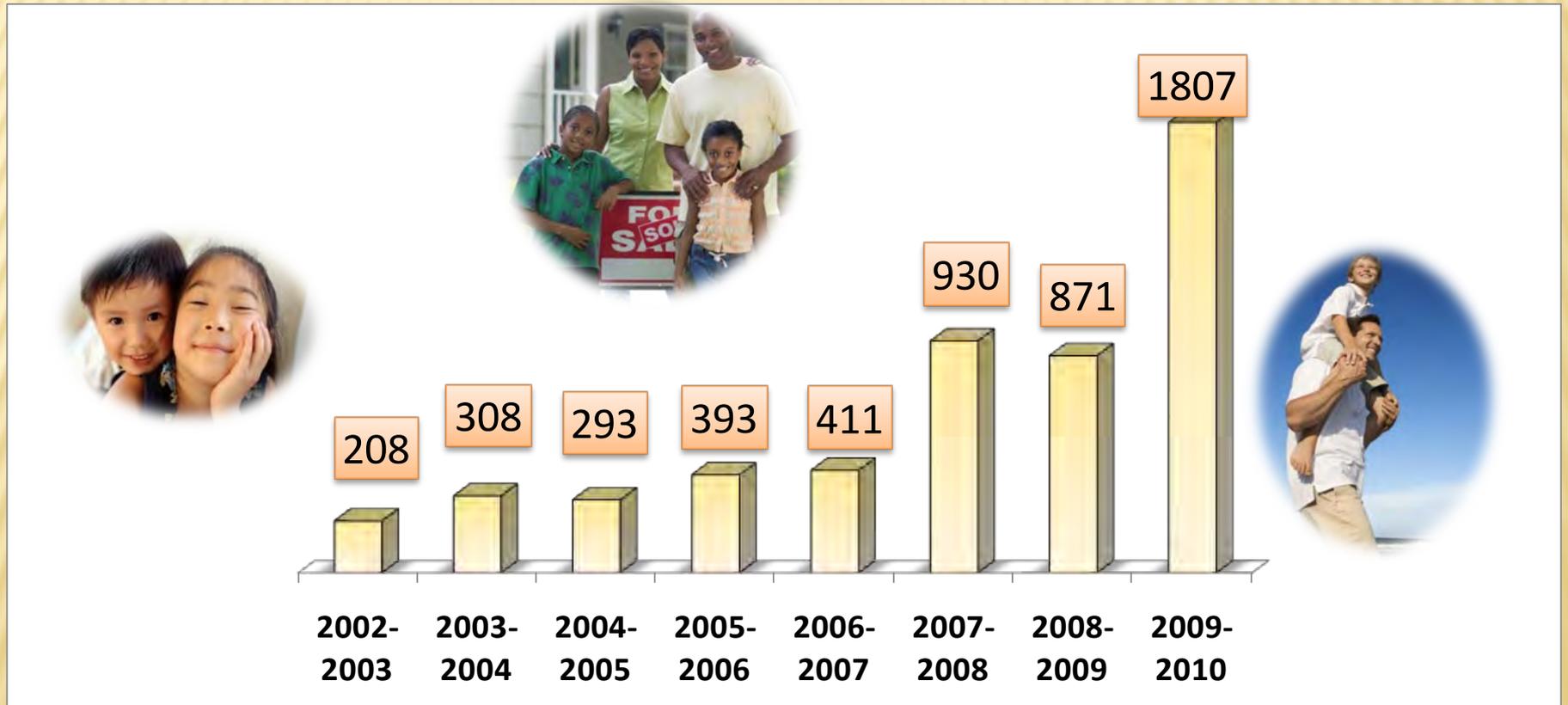
# Faith Connections' Process



# Faith Connections Outcomes



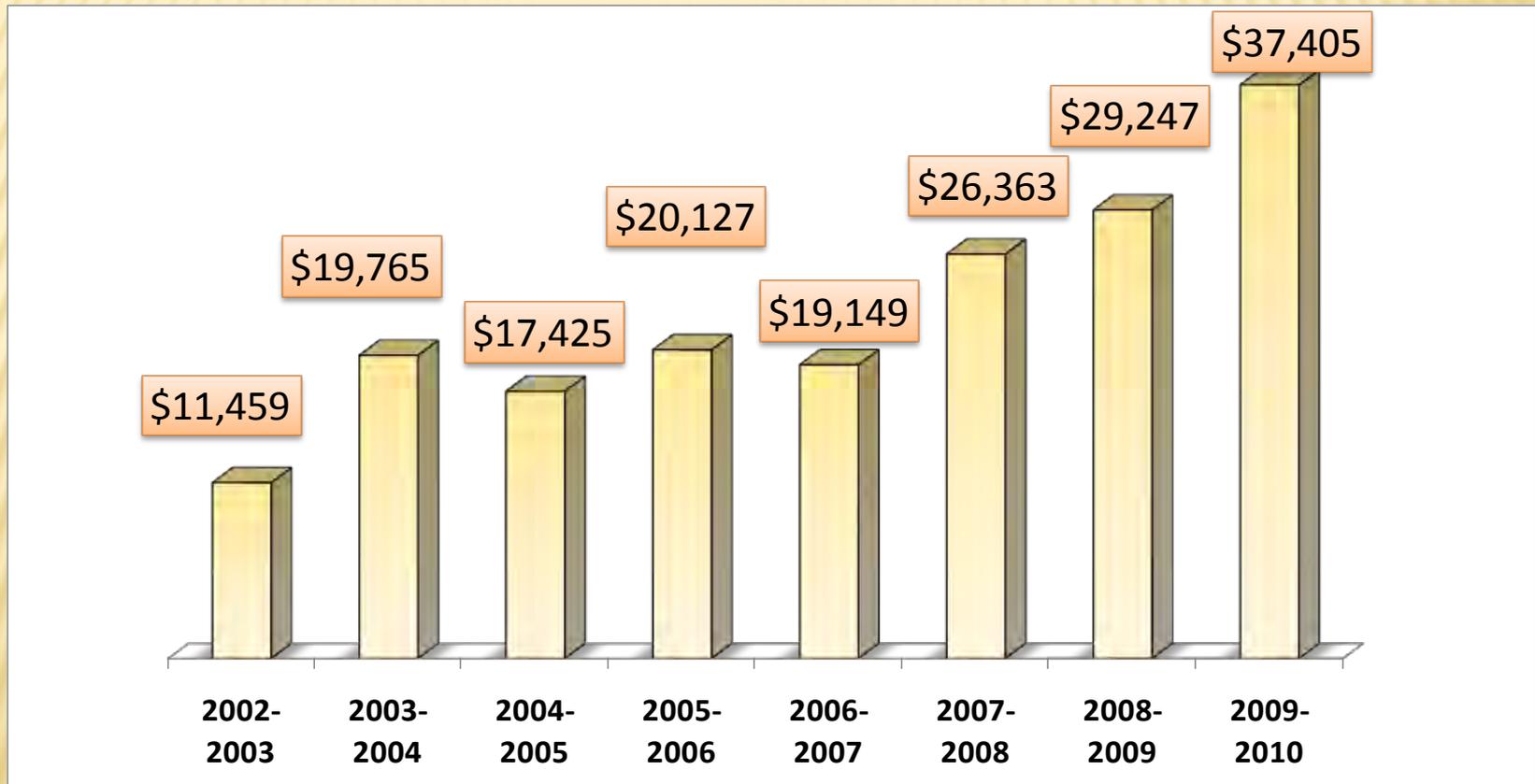
# Faith Connections Growth 2002-2010



\*Represents number of client's served each year

# Faith Connections Growth

## Financial Assistance Provided



# Other Services

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## Automobile Donation Program

**27 Donated Automobiles Provided to Working families through Faith Connections Program**



# Program Highlights

- ✓ 70+ Partnering churches & non-profits (as of 3/1/2010 & continues to grow)
- ✓ Enhanced communication and awareness of programs and services offered
- ✓ Maximized local, state, and federal resources and funding
- ✓ Partnership with New Christian Food Pantry & Child Development Center and international hunger relief organization – bring food to greater Wilson area
- ✓ Increased growth of faith community program ministries as a result of Faith Connections

# Program Funding

- ✓ Building donated to Wilson Area Community Ministries (Wilson Interfaith, Inc.) and sub-leased to DSS.
- ✓ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Department of Commerce for purpose of renovating building for housing faith coordination services and asset building opportunities for Work First families.
- ✓ TANF funds used for maintaining building usage.
- ✓ Faith Coordinator's salary paid from combination of TANF and County funding.
- ✓ Financial donations received from churches go 100% for direct client financial assistance.

# Partners In Ministry

## Are in control

- ✓ Partners agree to allow use of name
- ✓ Partners decide what resource to provide: Monetary, Ministry or both
- ✓ Partners determine contact person and communicate with staff

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## Receive

- ✓ A process to screen and validate needs
- ✓ Community resource updates to help meet needs
- ✓ A safe process to distribute the resources for the needs

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