WCDSS

Faith Connections

Building Bridges between the Faith Community, Individuals and Government

A Faith Based Initiative

Faith Connections

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!

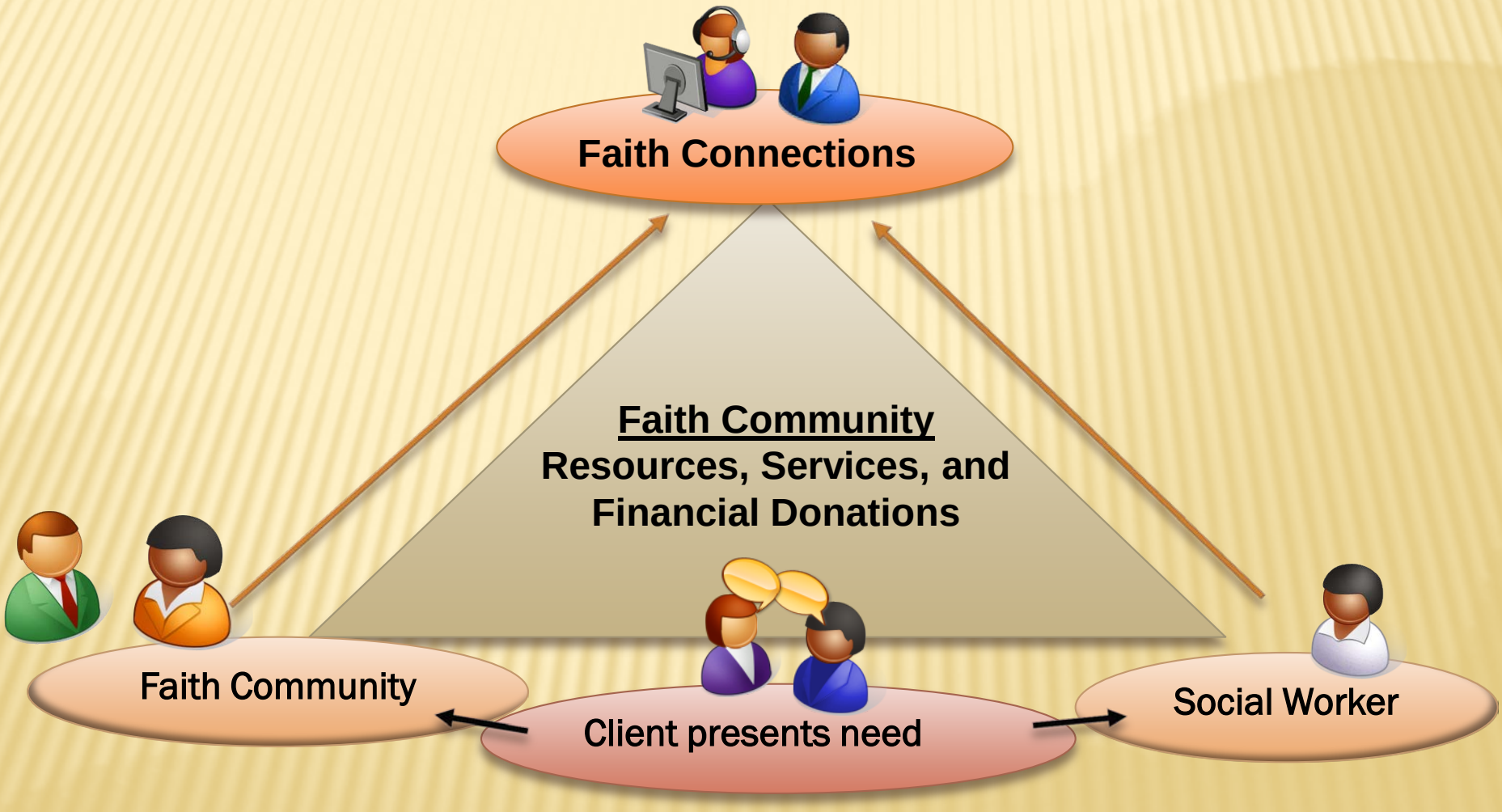
Developing Partnerships

Build Respect

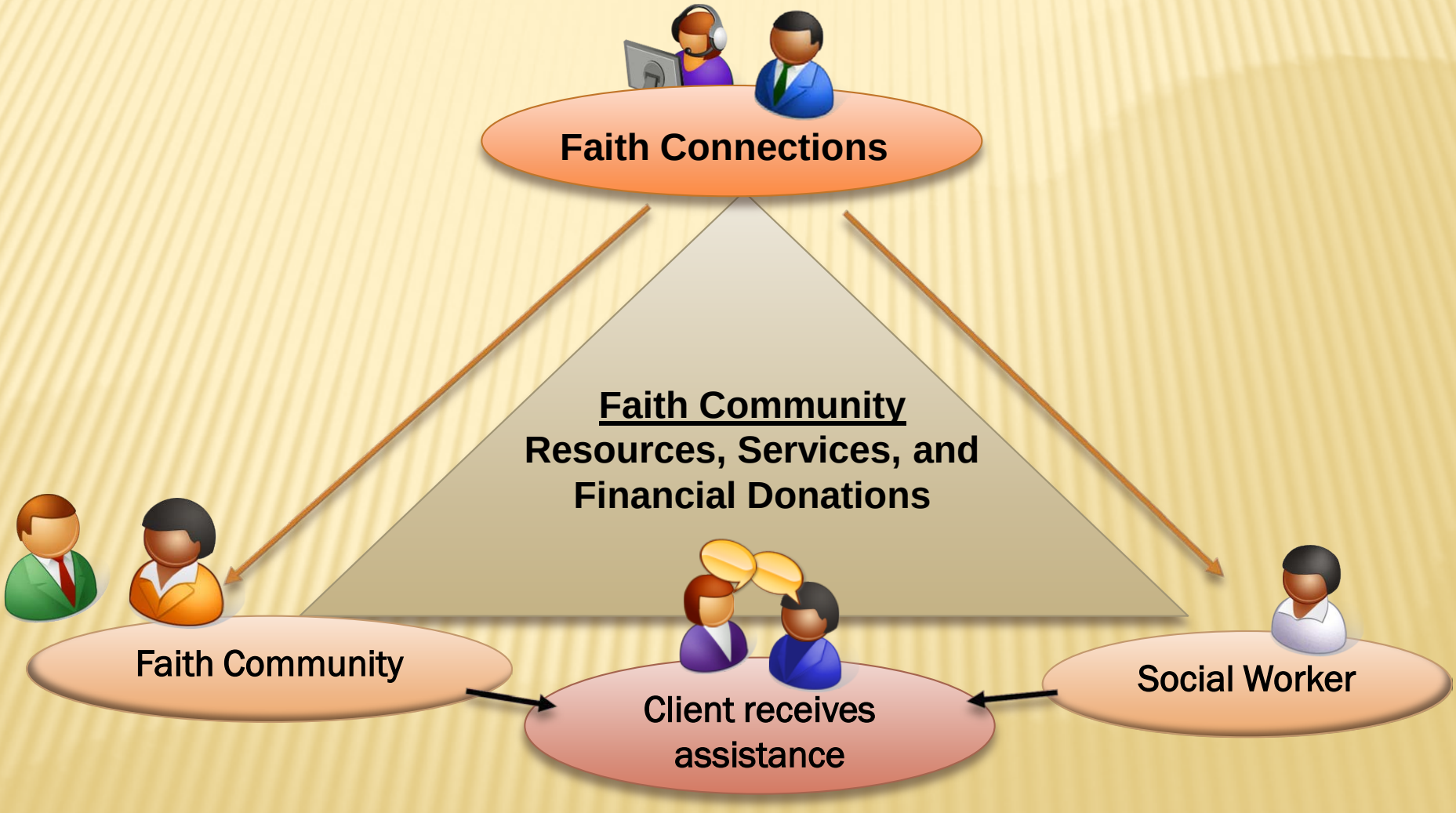
Recognize and build on strengths

Identify gaps and unmet needs.

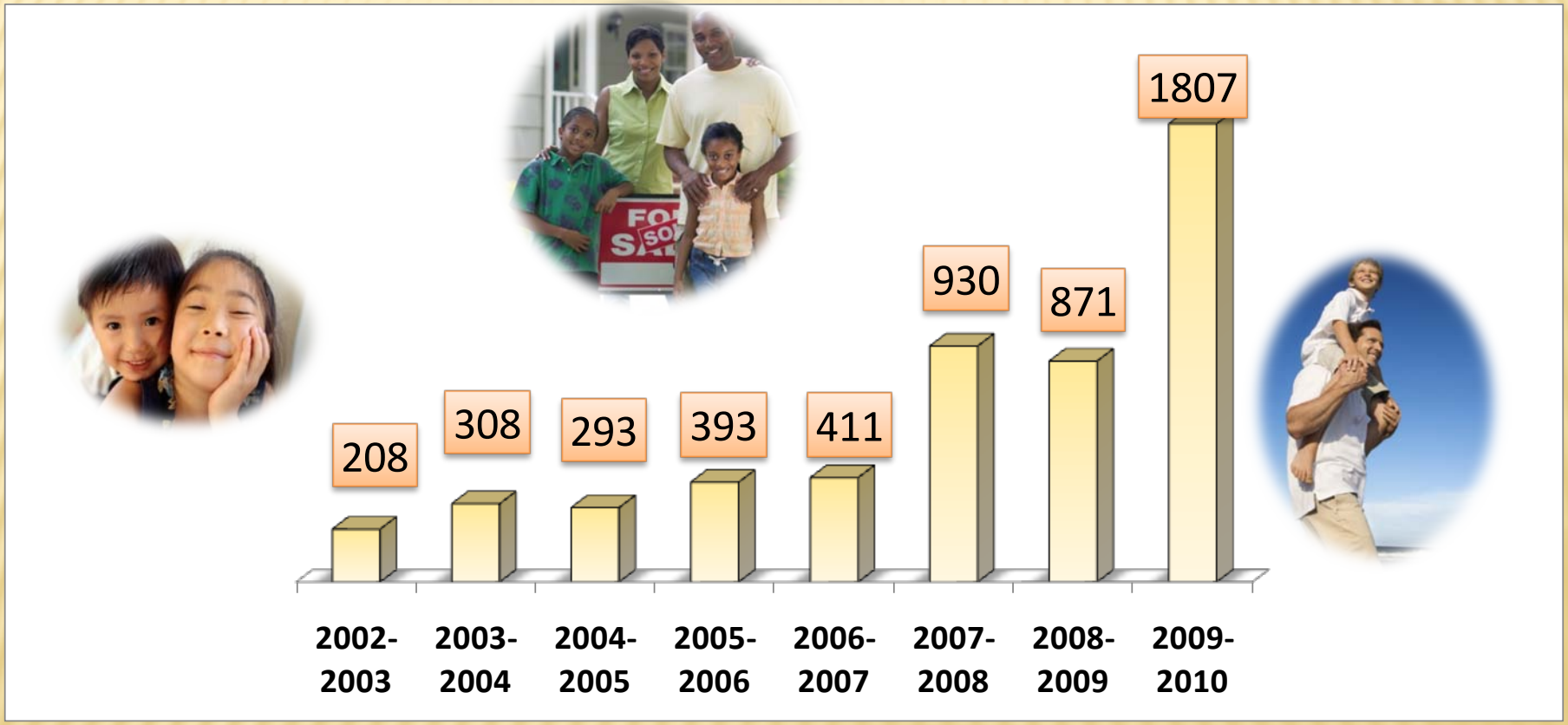
Faith Connections' Process



Faith Connections Outcomes



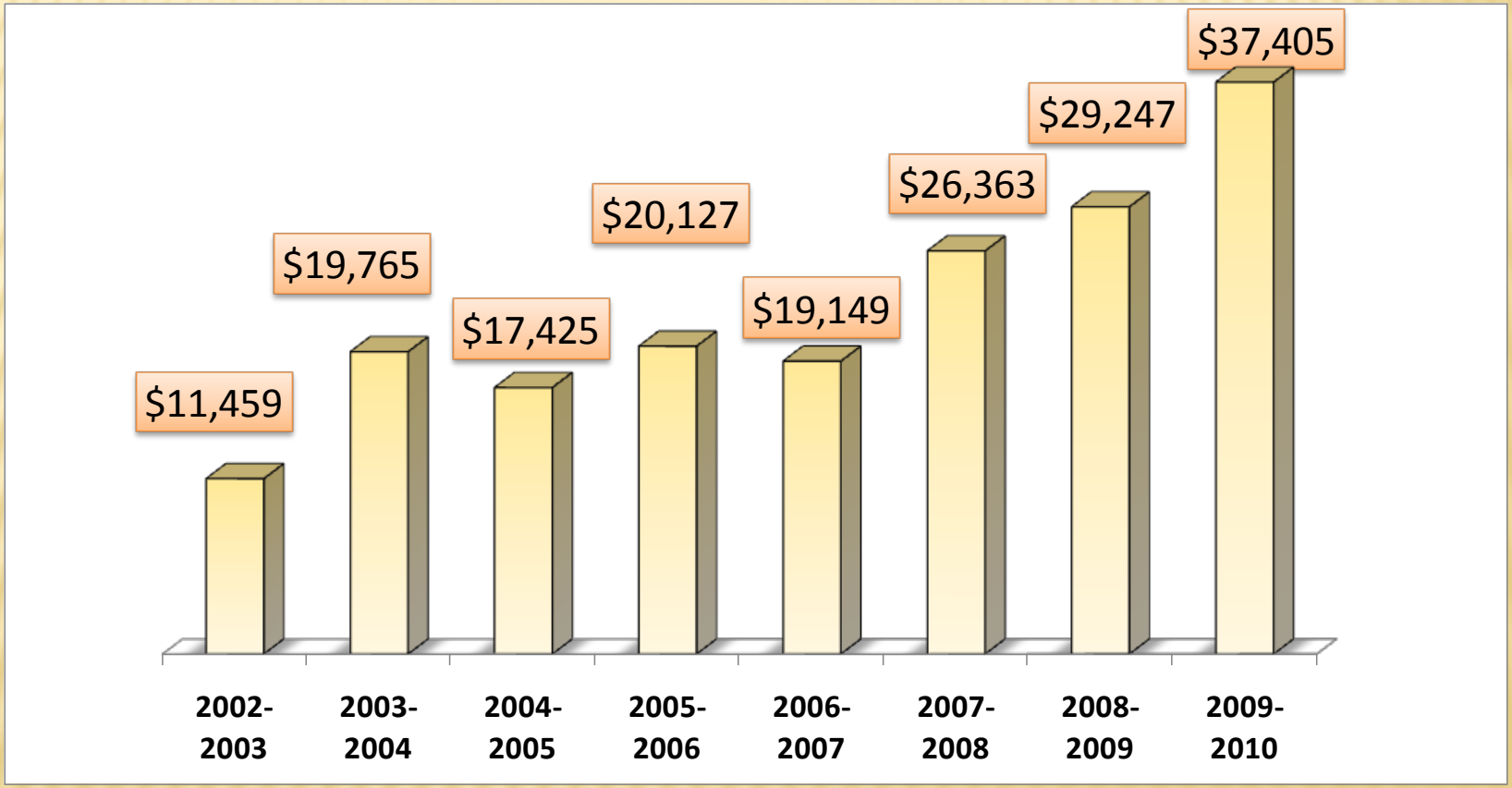
Faith Connections Growth 2002-2010



*Represents number of client's served each year

Faith Connections Growth

Financial Assistance Provided



Other Services

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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