### <u>Westbridge</u>

#### helping homeowners and organizations in need

#### **Our Mission**

To make needed repairs and improvements for people who own their home but are in financial need, in order to provide a safe and reasonably comfortable shelter; and also to assist other charitable organizations with needed repairs to their facilities.

# The Organization

Westbridge, Inc. is a coalition of individuals from churches in our area who have banded together to form a working group to do special projects for homeowners who cannot afford to make essential repairs to their homes. Westbridge, Inc. is incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Connecticut, and has been approved for 501(c) status under the Internal Revenue Code. Westbridge, Inc. has no paid staff, no rent or other overhead other than insurance which is funded by a local church. Consequently, all of the funds we raise go into materials for our projects.

## The People We Help

Many individuals in the area who own their homes are living on very limited incomes. This is especially true of seniors who are on fixed incomes or who depended on their retirement investments to help carry them through their remaining years. Because of the lack of income, these homeowners cannot afford to make needed repairs to their homes, and their homes steadily deteriorate to a point where the structure is unsafe or simply does not provide a warm, dry and reasonably comfortable shelter to the occupants.

Individuals who seek assistance are "qualified" or vetted for income eligibility and need by Westbridge. Once candidates are approved, Westbridge evaluates the proposed project to be sure it is in line with our mission and we can handle the work. If approved, we proceed and all materials and labor are provided at no charge to the homeowner. We have the volunteers and skills to accomplish a wide variety of repairs.

### <u>Goals</u>

Our goal is to help as many people as we can while working mostly on Saturdays as well as on some week days.