

## MAGCS IN MOTION

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# Habitat for Humanity – Work In Progress

*On a Saturday in November 2007, members of the MAGCS took part in a first of a kind event for our association. With the help of many wonderful donors, a few hard working backs, and in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity we were able to fully sod a new home for a family in Aurora, Illinois.*

That Saturday began as many late fall days do. Temperatures were in the mid 30s and the sky was gloomy. With the forecast calling for 3-6" of snow, work had to be done quickly. Members began arriving at 9 a.m., and soon grading and leveling work commenced. Unfortunately, most of the ground was already frozen and this made the hand work quite difficult. We did accomplish some grading but some adjustments will be made come spring. The important task of the day was met – installing the sod.

About an hour after our work started, the predicted snow started to drop. And drop. And drop some more. The majority of our sod laying was done in the snow. Before the City of Aurora issues an occupancy permit for any new residence, sod or lawn installation needs to be complete. With the great donation from **Dunteman Turf Farms**, and with the help of

MAGCS President Tim Anderson, Class C Advisor Michael Heustis, Brian Moesch, Brett Ziegler, Scott Verdun, Mark Kosbab, Ben Taylor, John Ekstrom, and Project Coordinator Matt Breeden, we did just that.

Much of the work for this home is still to come. We will need help come spring to re-level any sod and install our landscape plants and materials. Many thanks to Mr. Greg Martin and Associates for their donation of the landscape and planting plan. Also, MAGCS would like to thank JW Turf, Lohmann Golf Designs, Mariani Nursery, and the Brickman Group for stepping up with donations of materials and money to help us along the way.

As the weather breaks the Class C Committee and others will meet again and finish up the project. If you would like to help, please feel free to contact me or the MAGCS office. **-OC**



*Members of the MAGCS Class C Committee makes a difference by sodding a Habitat for Humanity home in Aurora. The group will finish landscaping this home in Spring.*