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# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> ALUTTO JOSEPH A		on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES</u> <u>INC</u> [ PLCE ]		tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner		
(Last)	(Eiret)	(Middle)			Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES 915 SECAUCUS ROAD		( )	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2010		,	,	
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)			r erson		

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	01/31/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>		Α		3,081	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	11,478	D	

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			7. Title Amour Securi Under Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties lying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (the "Company") underlying a deferred stock award granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, on Sunday, January 31, 2010 (the "Plan"), which shares are deliverable to the reporting person on the first anniversary of the date of grant of the deferred stock award, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. Exhibit List Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

## <u>/s/ James E. Myers, as</u>

Attorney-In-Fact for Joseph A. 02/03/2010

<u>Alutto</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Susan J. Riley and James E. Myers his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Schedules 13D and 13G, Form ID, and Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Sections 13 and 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules promulgated thereunder;
- 2. Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Schedules 13D or 13G, Form ID, and Forms 3, 4 or 5, and the timely filing of such schedules and forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- 3. Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, including, without limitation, the execution and filing of a Form 4 with respect to a transaction which may be reported on a Form 5, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully and to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that such attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file any Schedules 13D and 13G and Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Sections 13 and 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc., unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2009.

<u>/s/ Joseph A. Alutto</u> Joseph A. Alutto