

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>McCRACKEN BERNARD LOUIS III</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES,</u> <u>INC. 500 PLAZA DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/11/2011</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [ PLCE ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)  <u>See Remarks</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.10</u>	<u>3,081<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)</u>	<u>01/31/2009</u>	<u>04/28/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u> <u>1,500</u>	<u>44.95</u>	<u>D</u>	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 1,200 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share ("Common Stock"), 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 (the "Plan"), on July 14, 2008, 33% of which vest on the first and second anniversaries of the grant date and 34% of which vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, 1,200 shares of Company Common Stock underlying a deferred stock award granted under the Company's Plan on September 21, 2009, one-third of which vest on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, and 1,600 shares of Company Common Stock underlying a deferred stock award granted under the Company's Plan on September 21, 2010, one-third of which vest on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

## Remarks:

Vice President, Controller and Interim Principal Accounting Officer Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ James E. Myers, as  
Attorney-In-Fact for Bernard 03/15/2011  
McCracken

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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 Bradley P. Cost John E. Taylor 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

/s/ Bernard L. McCracken III  
Bernard L. McCracken III

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