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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ALUTTO JOSEPH A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES</u> <u>915 SECAUCUS ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES</u> <u>INC [ PLCE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/01/2009</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	02/01/2009		A		5,254 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	8,397	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	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)					

**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 (the "Plan") on February 1, 2009, which shares are deliverable to Mr. Alutto on the first anniversary of the date of grant of the deferred stock award, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Lenwood Ross, as Attorney- 02/03/2009  
In-Fact for Joseph A. Alutto

\*\* 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 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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### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

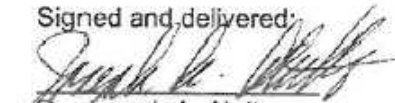
**BE IT KNOWN**, that Dr. Joseph A. Alutto has made and appointed, and by these presents does make and appoint, Patricia Gray and Lenwood Ross, each of them acting individually, in their capacity as a compliance officers for The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc., true and lawful attorney for him/her and in his/her name, place and stead, for the following specific and limited purposes only:

To sign any and all documents required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations thereof by me and by The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. in connection with any transactions I may complete involving the stock of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc.

giving and granting said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever necessary to be done in and about the specific and limited premises set out herein as fully, to all intents and purposes, as might or could be done if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Signed and delivered:



Dr. Joseph A. Alutto