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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>ELFERS JANE T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES, INC. 500 PLAZA DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [PLCE]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>PRESIDENT AND CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/29/2012</u>	
	4. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	03/29/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		22,793	D	\$52.17 ⁽²⁾	145,232	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	03/30/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		25	D	\$52	145,207	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	03/30/2012		A ⁽³⁾		96,768	A	\$0	241,975	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:

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 29, 2011. The shares were sold to pay tax liabilities incident to the vesting of deferred stock.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$52.01 to \$52.42, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- Represents shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), underlying a restricted stock unit award granted under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on March 30, 2012, 25% of such shares are deliverable to Ms. Elfers on the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and 50% of such shares are deliverable on the third anniversary of the date of grant, provided Ms. Elfers is employed by the Company on the respective vesting dates, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

/s/ James E. Myers, as
Attorney-In-Fact for Jane T. Elfers 04/02/2012

** 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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