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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b><br><u>COST BRADLEY P</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES,</u><br><u>INC. 500 PLAZA DRIVE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES</u><br><u>INC [ PLCE ]</u> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>SVP &amp; General Counsel</u> |
|  | <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b><br><u>01/07/2013</u>                                      |   |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  |   |   |

**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) |
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|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price                 |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share | 01/07/2013                           |  | s                              |   | 864 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D          | \$45.9 <sup>(2)</sup> | 19,429  | 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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | 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 April 10, 2012. The shares were sold to pay tax liabilities incident to the vesting of deferred stock on January 3, 2013.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$45.85 to \$45.92 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.

/s/ James E. Myers, as  
Attorney-In-Fact for Bradley P. 01/07/2013  
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\*\* 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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