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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Bauer Eric

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [PLCE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE  
RETAIL STORES,, INC. 500  
PLAZA DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/20/2012

SECAUCUS, NJ 07094  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	
				Code	V		
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	04/20/2012		A	(1)	30,000	\$ 0	52,000 D

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

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**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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Bauer Eric  
C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES,  
INC. 500 PLAZA DRIVE  
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ James E. Myers, as Attorney-In-Fact for Eric Bauer

04/24/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Represents shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), underlying time restricted stock units granted under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on April 20, 2012, one-third of which are deliverable to Mr. Bauer on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant provided Mr. Bauer is employed by the Company on the respective vesting dates, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

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