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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MCCLURE LAWRENCE D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) Childrens Place, Inc. [PLCE]

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE,

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

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

INC., 500 PLAZA DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

SVP, Human Resources 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

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				(A)	Transaction(s)		

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common Stock, par

07/07/2014

Code V Amount (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)

value \$0.10 per share

\$ 5,400 S 49.84 26,046 D (1) (2)

Price

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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

MCCLURE LAWRENCE D C/O THE CHILDREN'S PLACE, INC. 500 PLAZA DRIVE SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

SVP, Human Resources

# **Signatures**

/s/ James E. Myers, as Attorney-In-Fact for Lawrence **McClure** 

07/10/2014

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 13, 2014.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.50 to \$50.37, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to The Children's Place, 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.

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Accelerated filer o

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Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes o No x

Based on the closing price of the Common Stock on June 30, 2009 (\$5.95) (the last day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$8,975,757.82.

As of February 28, 2010 the number of \$.20 par value common shares outstanding was 2,237,371.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference in Part III.

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#### **PARTI**

#### Item 1. Business

#### General

Servotronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Registrant" or the "Company") design, manufacture and market advanced technology products consisting primarily of control components and consumer products consisting of knives and various types of cutlery.

The Company was incorporated in New York in 1959. In 1972, the Company was merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, thereby changing the Company's state of incorporation from New York to Delaware.

The Company's shares currently trade on the NYSE Amex under the symbol SVT.

#### **Products**

#### **Advanced Technology Products**

The Company designs, manufactures and markets a variety of servo-control components which convert an electrical current into a mechanical force or movement and other related products. The principal servo-control components produced include torque motors, electromagnetic actuators, hydraulic valves, pneumatic valves and similar devices, all of which perform the same general function. These are sold principally to the commercial aerospace, missile, aircraft and government related industries, as well as medical and industrial markets.

To fill most of its orders for components, the Company must either modify a standard model or design a new item in order to satisfy the customer's particular requirements. The Company also produces unique products based on specifications provided by its customers. The Company produces under long-term contracts and other types of orders.

The Company may from time to time produce metallic seals of various cross-sectional configurations. These seals fit between two surfaces, usually metal, to produce a more secure and leak-proof joint. The Company manufactures these seals to close tolerances from standard and special alloy steels. Ductile coatings are often applied to the seals in order to increase their effectiveness.

From time to time, the Company has also produced other products of its own and/or of a given design to meet customers' requirements.

#### **Consumer Products**

The Company designs, manufactures and sells a variety of cutlery products. These products include a wide range of cutlery items such as steak, carving, bread, butcher and paring knives for household use and for use in restaurants, institutions and private industry, and pocket and other types of knives for hunting, fishing and camping. The Company sells cutlery products to the U.S. Government and related agencies. These products include machetes, bayonets and other types of knives that are primarily for military use. The Company also produces and markets other cutlery items such as various specialty tools, putty knives, linoleum sheet cutters, field knives and other edged products. The Company manufactures its cutlery products from stainless or high carbon steel in numerous styles, designs, models and sizes. Substantially all of the Company's commercial cutlery related products are intended for the medium to

premium priced markets.

The Company sells many of its cutlery products under its own brand names including "Old Hickory" and "Queen." In the fourth quarter of 2009 the Company acquired the capability to manufacture hot forged edged products which expands the commercial and government markets for the Consumer Products Group.

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#### Sales, Marketing and Distribution

#### **Advanced Technology Products**

The Company's Advanced Technology Group products (ATG) are marketed throughout the United States and in selected foreign markets. Products are primarily non-seasonal in nature. These products are sold to the United States Government, government prime contractors, government subcontractors, commercial manufacturers and end users. Sales are made primarily by the Company's professional staff.

During the Company's 2009 fiscal year, sales of advanced technology products pursuant to subcontracts with prime contractors or subcontractors for various branches of the United States Government or pursuant to prime contracts directly with the government accounted for approximately 23% of the Company's total sales as compared to 20% in 2008. In 2009 and 2008, the Company's sales of advanced technology products to one customer, including various divisions and subsidiaries of a common parent company, amounted to approximately 18% in 2009 and 23% in 2008. The Company also had sales to another customer that amounted to approximately 12% of total sales in 2009 and 2008. No other single customer represented more than 10% of the Company's sales in any of these years.

The Company's prime contracts and subcontracts with the United States Government are subject to termination for the convenience of the Government. In the event of such termination, the Company is ordinarily entitled to receive payment for its costs and profits on work done prior to termination. Since the inception of the Company's business, less than 1% of its Government contracts have been terminated for convenience.

#### **Consumer Products**

The Company's consumer products are marketed throughout the United States and in selected foreign markets. Consumer sales are moderately seasonal. Sales are to hardware, supermarket, variety, department, discount, gift and drug stores. The Company's Consumer Products Group (CPG) also sells its cutlery products (principally machetes, bayonets, survival knives and kitchen knives) to various branches of the United States Government which accounted for approximately 28% of the Company's total sales in 2009 as compared to 22% in 2008. No other single customer of the CPG represented more than 10% of the Company's sales in 2009. The Company sells its products through its own sales personnel and through independent manufacturers' representatives.

#### **Business Segments**

Business segment information is presented in Note 12, Business Segments, of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

#### **Intellectual Properties**

The Company has rights under certain copyrights, trademarks, patents, and registered domain names. In the view of management, the Company's competitive position is not dependent on patent protection.

#### Research Activities

The amount spent by the Company in research and development activities during its 2009 and 2008 fiscal years was not significant.

#### **Environmental Compliance**

The Company does not anticipate that the cost of compliance with current environmental laws will be material.

#### Manufacturing

The Company manufactures its consumer products in Franklinville, New York, Titusville, Pennsylvania and Nashville, Arkansas and its advanced technology products in Elma, New York.

#### Raw Materials and Other Supplies

The Company purchases raw materials and certain components for its products from outside vendors. The Company is generally not dependent upon a single source of supply for any raw material or component used in its operations.

#### Competition

Although no reliable industry statistics are available to enable the Company to determine accurately its relative competitive position with respect to any of its products, the Company believes that it is a significant factor with respect to certain of its servo-control components. The Company's share of the overall cutlery market is not significant.

The Company encounters active competition with respect to its products from numerous companies, many of which are larger in terms of manufacturing capacity, financial resources and marketing organization. Its principal competitors vary depending upon the customer and/or the products involved. The Company believes that it competes primarily with more than 20 companies with respect to its consumer products, in addition to foreign imports. To the Company's knowledge, its principal competitors with regard to cutlery include World Kitchen, Inc., Benchmade Knife Company, Inc., Tramontina, Inc., Dexter-Russell Inc., W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company, Lifetime Hoan Corp., and Gerber.

The Company has many different competitors with respect to servo-control components because of the nature of that business and the fact that these products also face competition from other types of control components which, at times, can accomplish the desired result.

The Company markets most of its products throughout the United States and to a lesser extent in selected foreign markets. The Company believes that it competes in marketing its consumer products primarily on the basis of price, quality and delivery, and its control products primarily on the basis of operating performance, adherence to rigid specifications, quality, price and delivery.

#### **Employees**

The Company, at December 31, 2009, had approximately 292 employees of which approximately 280 are full time; 214 in Western New York, 43 in Pennsylvania and 23 in Arkansas. In excess of 83% of its employees are engaged in production, inspection, packaging or shipping activities. The balance is engaged in executive, engineering, administrative, clerical or sales capacities.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company is a smaller reporting company by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and is not required to provide the information required under this item.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None

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#### Item 2. Properties

The Company's executive offices are located on premises under a capital lease by the Company at 1110 Maple Street, Elma, a suburb of Buffalo, New York. The Company owns, leases and/or has options on real property as set forth in the following table:

			Number of	
	Approx.	Principal product	buildings and type of	Approx. floor area
Location	acreage	manufactured	construction	(sq. feet)
Elma, New York	38.4	Advanced	1 concrete block/	82,000
		technology products	steel	
Franklinville, New York	12.7	Cutlery products	1-tile/wood 1-concrete/metal 1-concrete block	
Titusville, Pennsylvania	0.4	Cutlery products	2-brick	25,000
Nashville, Arkansas	4.65	Cutlery products	1-concrete/meta	139,000

In Elma, New York, the Company leases and/or has options on approximately 38.4 acres of land and a facility from a local industrial development agency. The lease is accounted for as a capital lease and entitles the Company to purchase the property for a nominal amount. The balance outstanding on the capital lease at December 31, 2009 was approximately \$3.3 million. In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company also entered into a one year real property operating lease agreement with a related party. See Note 10, Related Party Transactions, of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The above properties are appropriately covered by insurance consistent with the advice of the Company's insurance consultant.

See the accompanying consolidated financial statements, including Note 9, Commitments, thereto, for further information with respect to the Company's lease commitments.

The Company possesses modern precision manufacturing and testing equipment suitable for the development, manufacture, assembly and testing of its advanced technology products. The Company uses computer-aided technology throughout its processes, procedures, designs, manufacturing and administrative functions. The Company designs and makes most of the tools, dies, jigs and specialized testing equipment necessary for the production of the advanced technology products. The Company also possesses automatic and semi-automatic grinders, tumblers, presses and miscellaneous metal finishing machinery and equipment for use in the manufacture of consumer products.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

There are no legal proceedings which are material to the Company currently pending by or against the Company other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business which is not expected to have a material adverse affect on the business or earnings of the Company.

Item 4. Removed and Reserved

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#### **PART II**

Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Item Securities 5.

(a) Price Range of Common Stock

The following table shows the range of high and low prices for the Company's common stock as reported by the NYSE Amex (symbol SVT) for 2009 and 2008.

		High Low
2009		
	Fourth Quarter	\$9.90 \$7.05
	Third Quarter	8.35 5.91
	Second Quarter	10.89 5.50
	First Quarter	8.20 4.85
2008		
	Fourth Quarter	\$8.75 \$5.12
	Third Quarter	16.30 7.50
	Second Quarter	21.65 14.90
	First Quarter	22.00 12.95

(b) Approximate Number of Holders of Common Stock

Title Approximate number of of record holders (as of Class February 28, 2010)

Common Stock, \$.20 par value per share 456

(c) Dividends on Common Stock

On January 31, 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.15 per share cash dividend. The dividend was paid on March 14, 2008 to shareholders of record on February 20, 2008 and was approximately \$348,000 in the aggregate.

On April 1, 2009, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.15 per share cash dividend. The dividend was paid on May 15, 2009 to shareholders of record on April 20, 2009 and was approximately \$336,000 in the aggregate.

On February 22, 2010, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.15 per share cash dividend. The dividend will be paid on March 31, 2010 to shareholders of record on March 10, 2010 and will be approximately \$336,000 in the aggregate. This third consecutive annual dividend does not represent that the Company will pay dividends on a regular or scheduled basis.

(d) Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth the securities authorized for issuance under the Company's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2009.

Number of securities

Number of securities remaining available for