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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

U-Store-It Trust

CIK: **1298675** | IRS No.: **201024732** | State of Incorporation: **MD** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6798** Real estate investment trusts

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Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-32324** | Film No.: **09546038**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person DIEFENDERFER WILLIAM M III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol U-Store-It Trust [YSI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2009					
460 EAST SWEDES FORD ROAD, SUITE 3000			4. If Amendment, Date 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		
(Street) WAYNE, PA 19087								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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	01/22/2009		A		33 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$3.64	23,495	D	
Common	01/23/2009		A		7,916 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	31,411	D	
Common								28,000	I	By Defined Benefit Plan dtd 1/1/1997

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 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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Shares	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	01/22/2009		A		30		(3)	(3)	Common	30	\$3.64	4,340	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These common shares were acquired through dividend reinvestment under the U-Store-It Trust Deferred Trustees Plan, dated May 31, 2005.
2. These common shares represent restricted shares issued under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to risk of forfeiture. The common shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the date of the Company's annual meeting of shareholders in 2010.
3. These phantom shares were acquired through reinvestment of dividend equivalents under the U-Store-It Trust Trustees Deferred Compensation Plan, amended and restated January 1, 2007, and are payable in cash on a one-for-one basis after the reporting person ceases to serve as a trustee of the Company. The reporting person may elect to transfer these phantom shares at any time by reallocating his deemed investment option to another investment alternative, and such transfer will be effected on the first business day of the calendar quarter following the election.

Signatures

Douglas J. Tyrell, Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/26/2009

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).

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