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Dividend Declaration:

**DELAWARE INVESTMENTS® DIVIDEND AND INCOME FUND, INC.
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PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 2012 — Today, Delaware Investments Dividend and Income Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”), a New York Stock Exchange–listed closed-end fund trading under the symbol “DDF,” declares a monthly dividend of \$0.0575 per share. This dividend is payable March 30, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 16, 2012. The ex-dividend date will be March 14, 2012.

The Fund is a diversified closed-end fund. The primary investment objective is to seek high current income; capital appreciation is a secondary objective. The Fund seeks to achieve its objectives by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 65% of its total assets in income-generating equity securities, including dividend-paying common stocks, convertible securities, preferred stocks, and other equity-related securities. Up to 35% of the Fund’s total assets may be invested in nonconvertible debt securities consisting primarily of high yield, high risk corporate bonds. In addition, the Fund utilizes leveraging techniques in an attempt to obtain a higher return for the Fund. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

The Fund has implemented a managed distribution policy. Under the policy, the Fund is managed with a goal of generating as much of the distribution as possible from net investment income and short-term capital gains. The balance of the distribution will then come from long-term capital gains to the extent permitted, and if necessary, a return of capital. Even though the Fund may realize current year capital gains, such gains may be offset, in whole or in part, by the Fund’s capital loss carryovers from prior years. For federal income tax purposes, the effect of such capital loss carryovers may be to convert (to the extent of such current year gains) what would otherwise be returns of capital into distributions taxable as ordinary income. This tax effect can occur during times of extended market volatility. Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, this tax effect attributable to the Fund’s capital loss carryovers (the conversion of returns of capital into distributions taxable as ordinary income) will no longer apply to net capital losses of the Fund arising in Fund tax years beginning after November 30, 2011. The actual determination of the source of the Fund’s distributions can be made only at year-end. Shareholders should receive written notification regarding the actual components and tax treatments of all Fund distributions for the calendar year 2012 in early 2013.

About Delaware Investments

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